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Okay, you ready?

Hold on...yeah.

Aaaand... action!

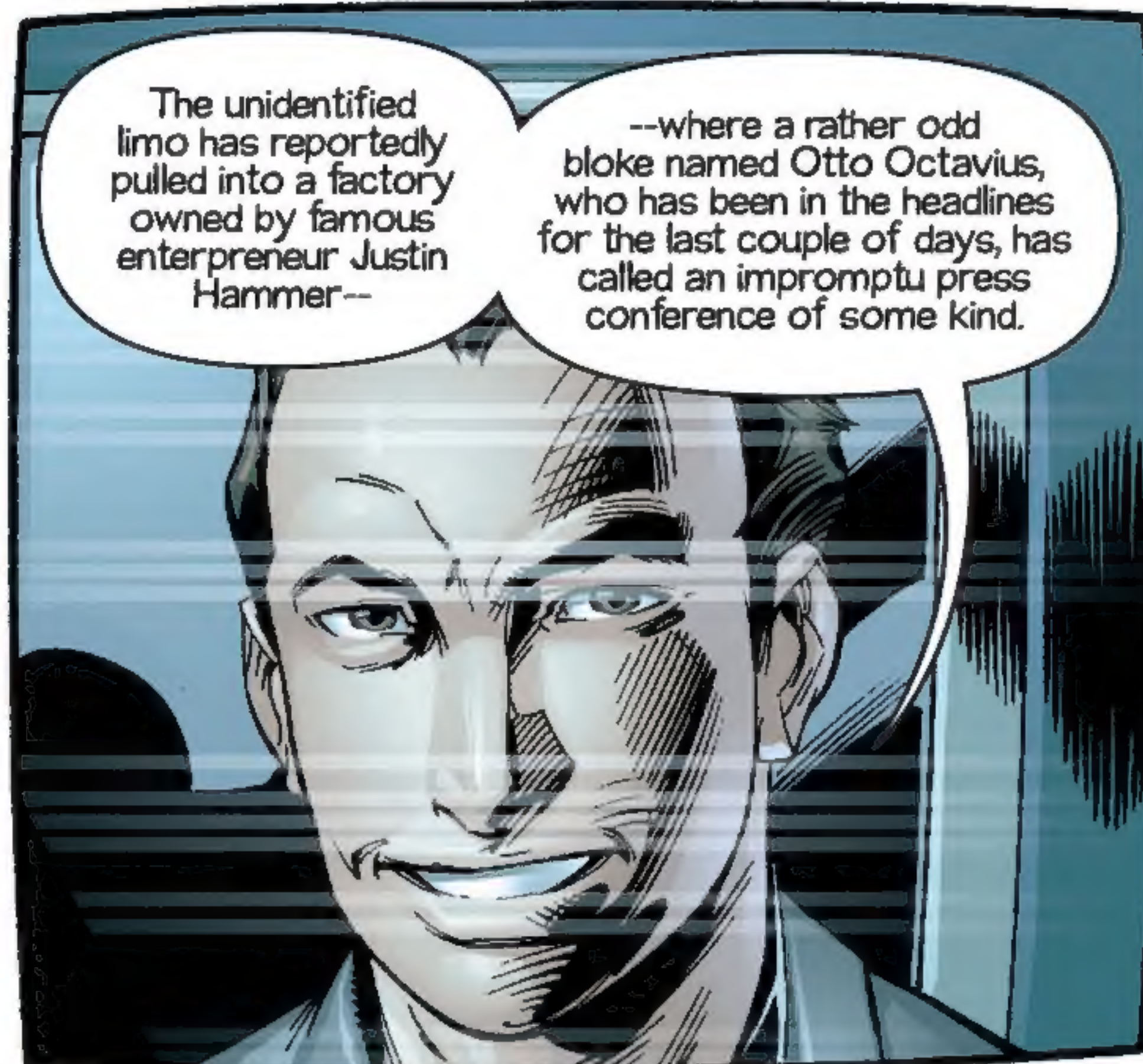


And here we are--the hunt is almost over.



We have just received word from our local affiliate here in New York City that *Spider-Man*--Kraven the Hunter's elusive prey--has been spotted in the wilds of New Jersey.

He was last seen riding on top of a limousine down the Jersey turnpike.



The unidentified limo has reportedly pulled into a factory owned by famous entrepreneur Justin Hammer--

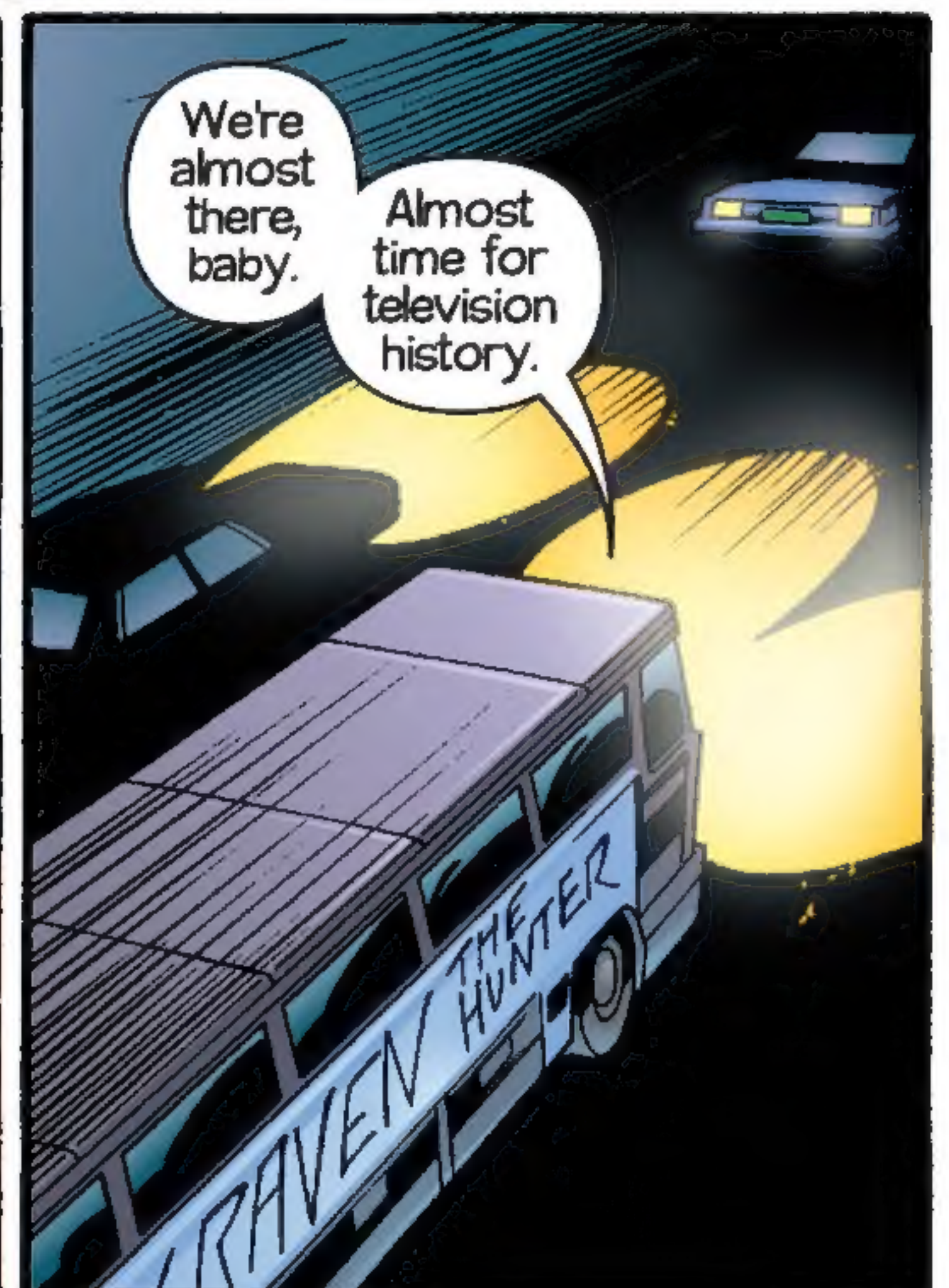
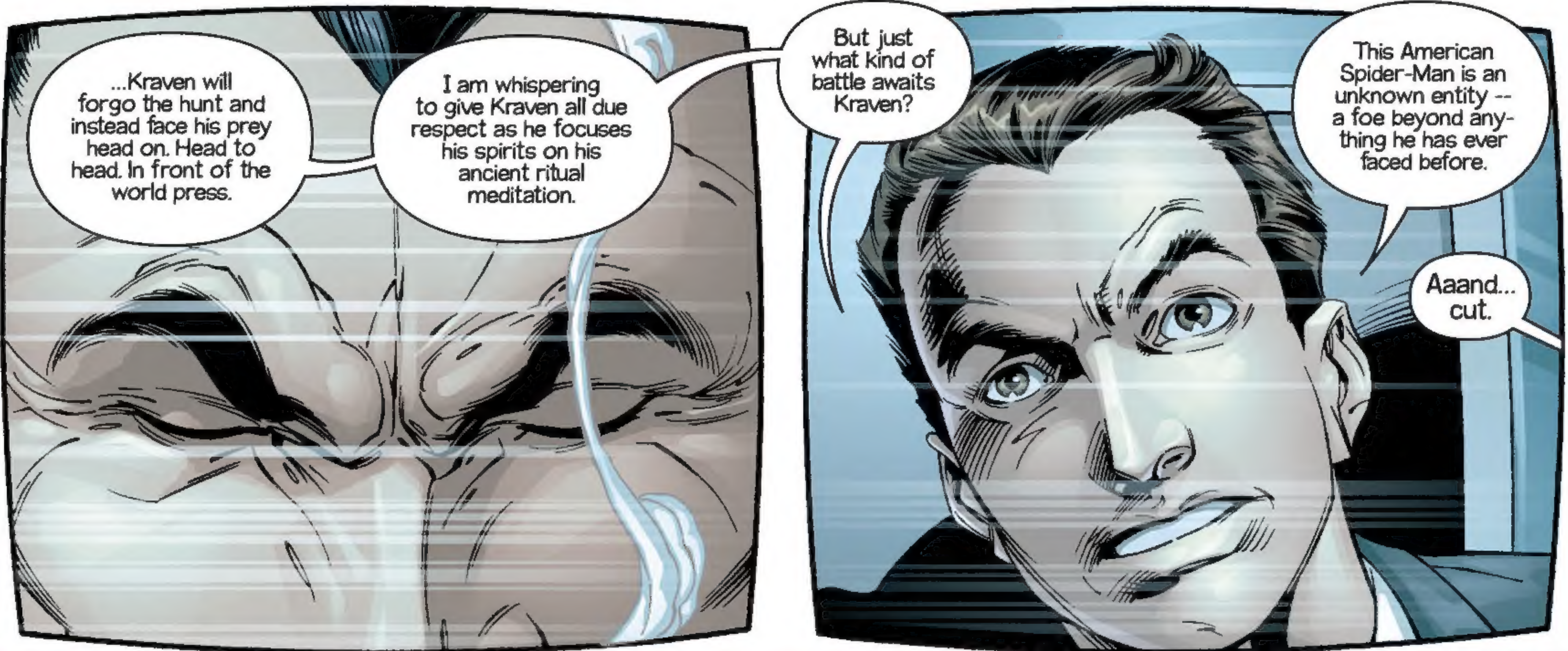
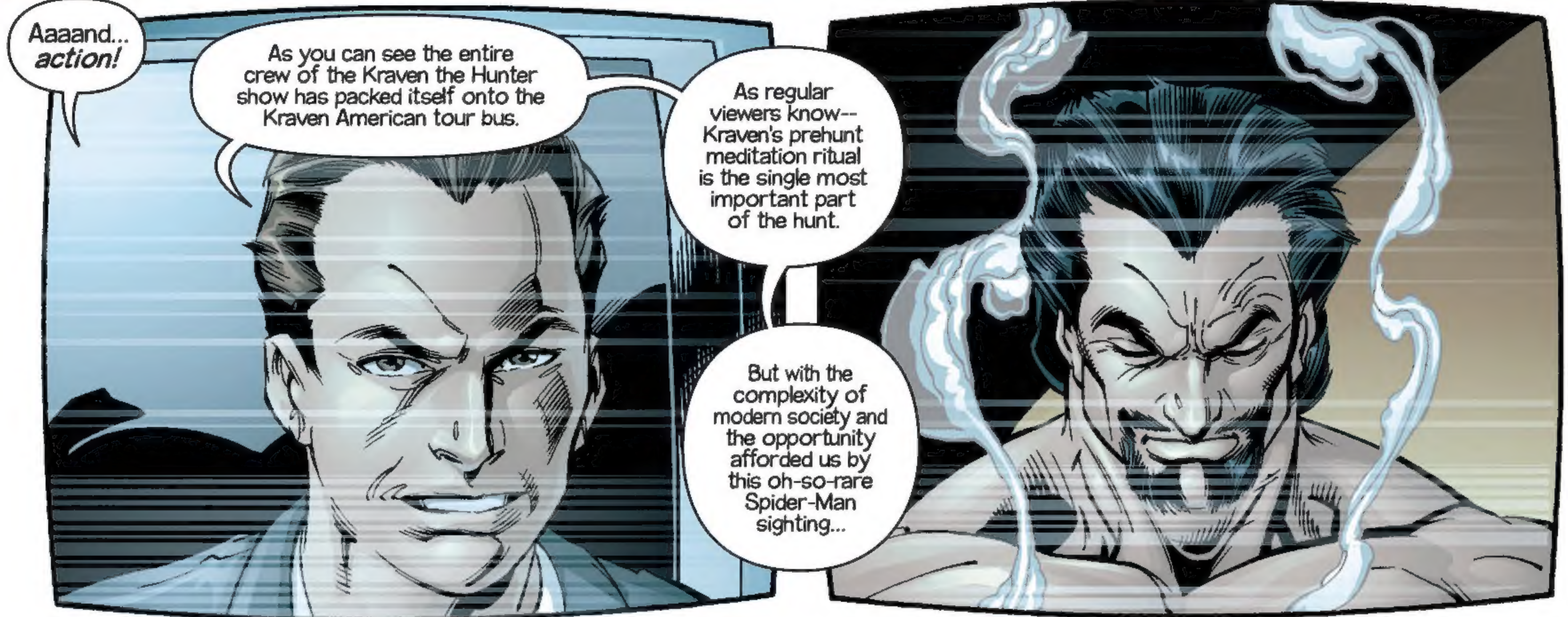
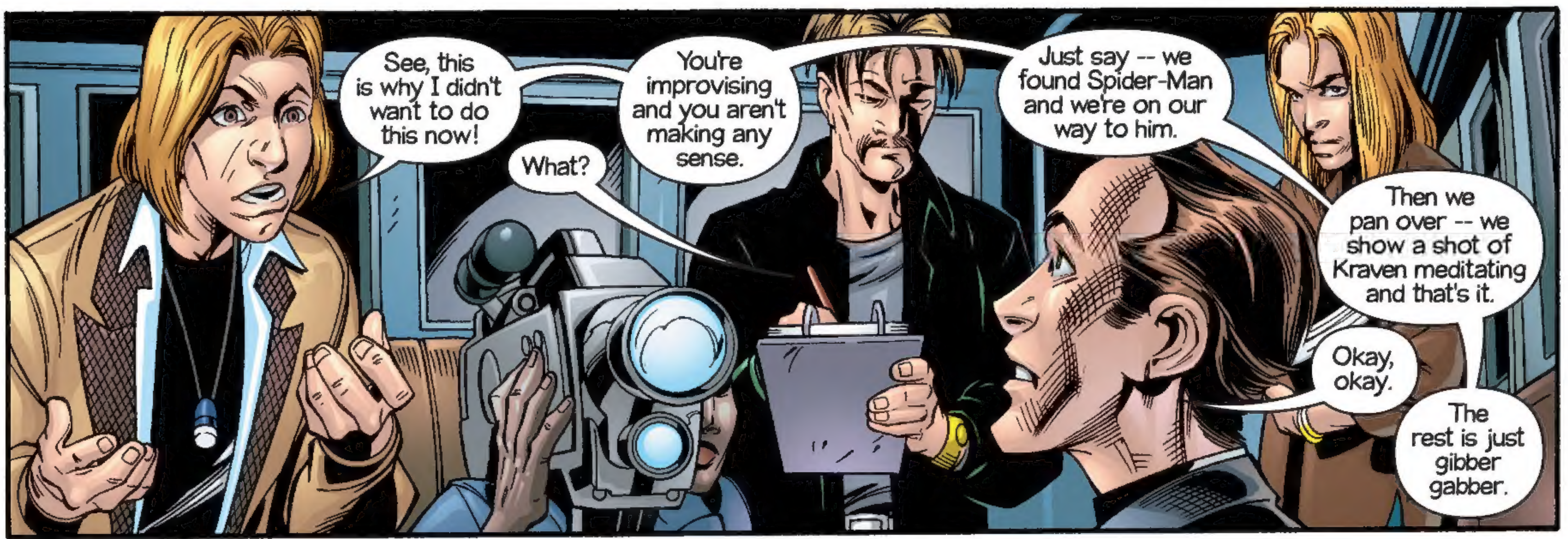
--where a rather odd bloke named Otto Octavius, who has been in the headlines for the last couple of days, has called an impromptu press conference of some kind.



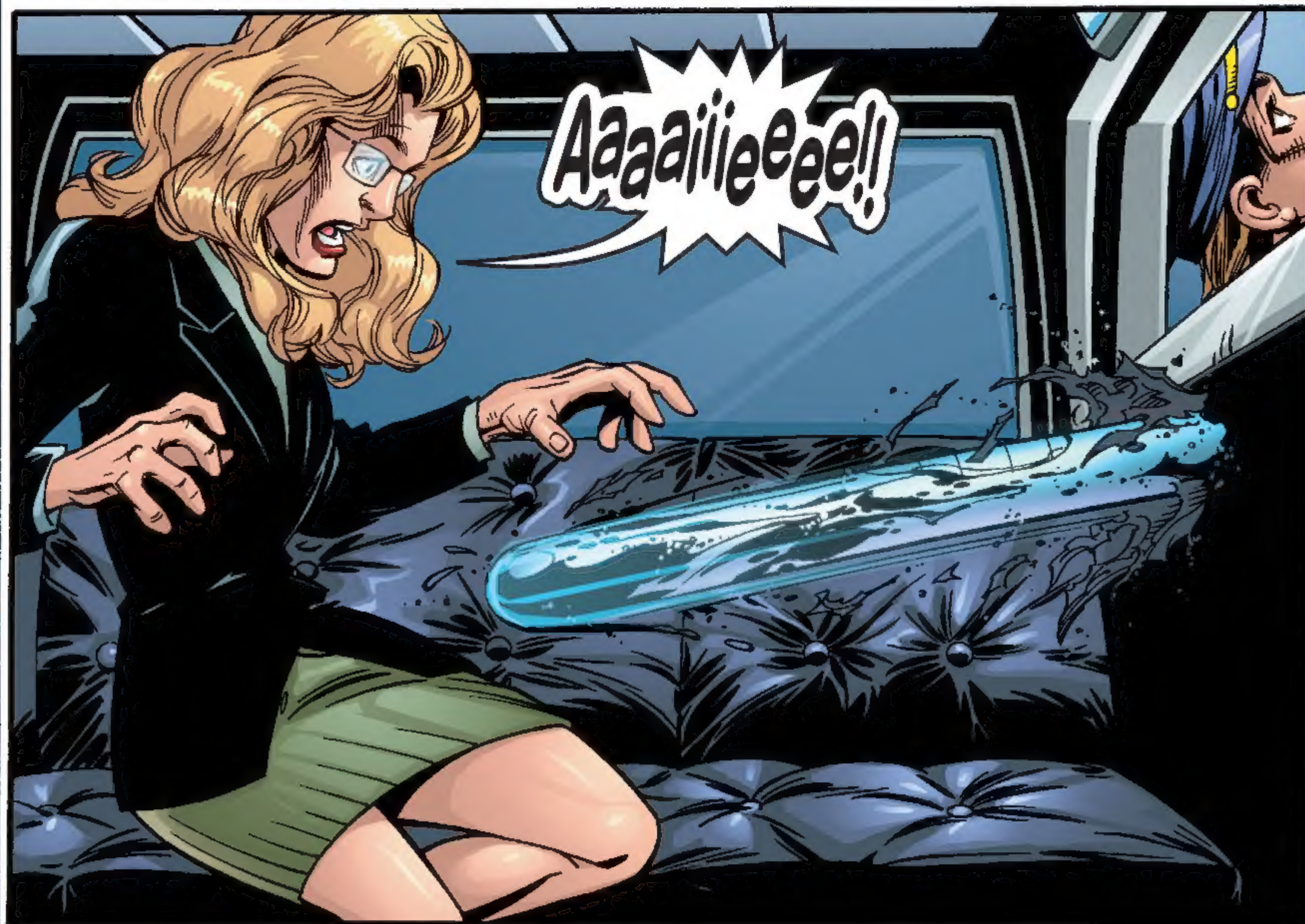
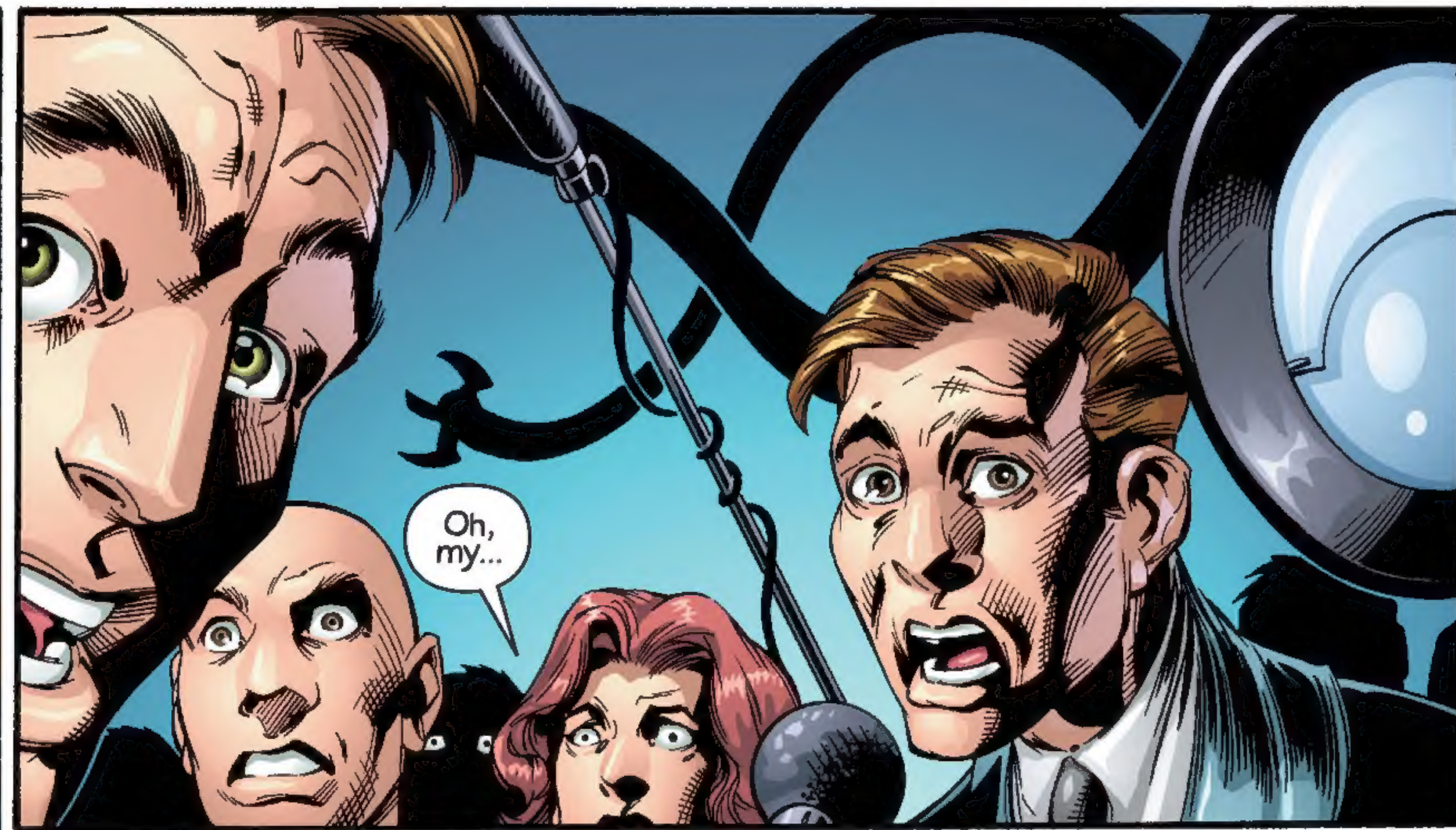
We don't know the story behind this Octavius fellow yet--but as this is a pre-taped broadcast and as the press conference is going on even as we speak...

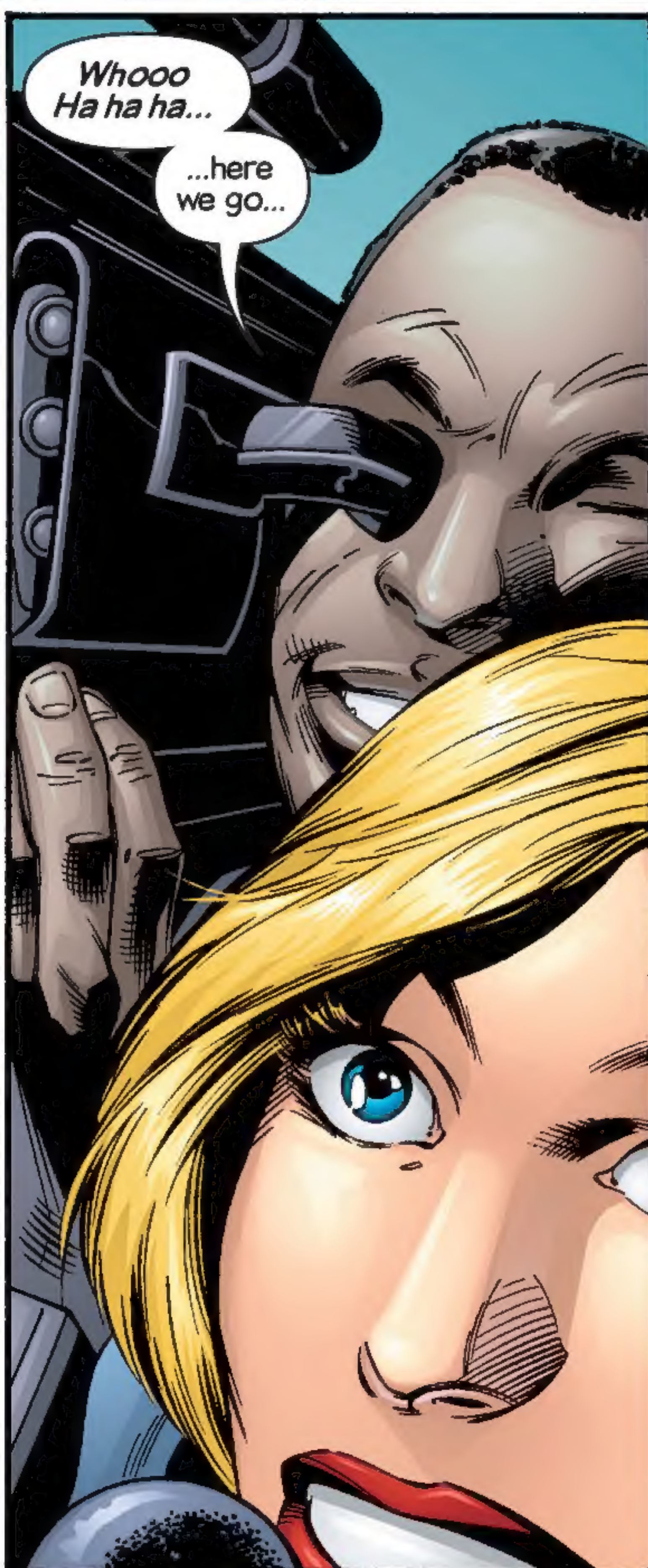
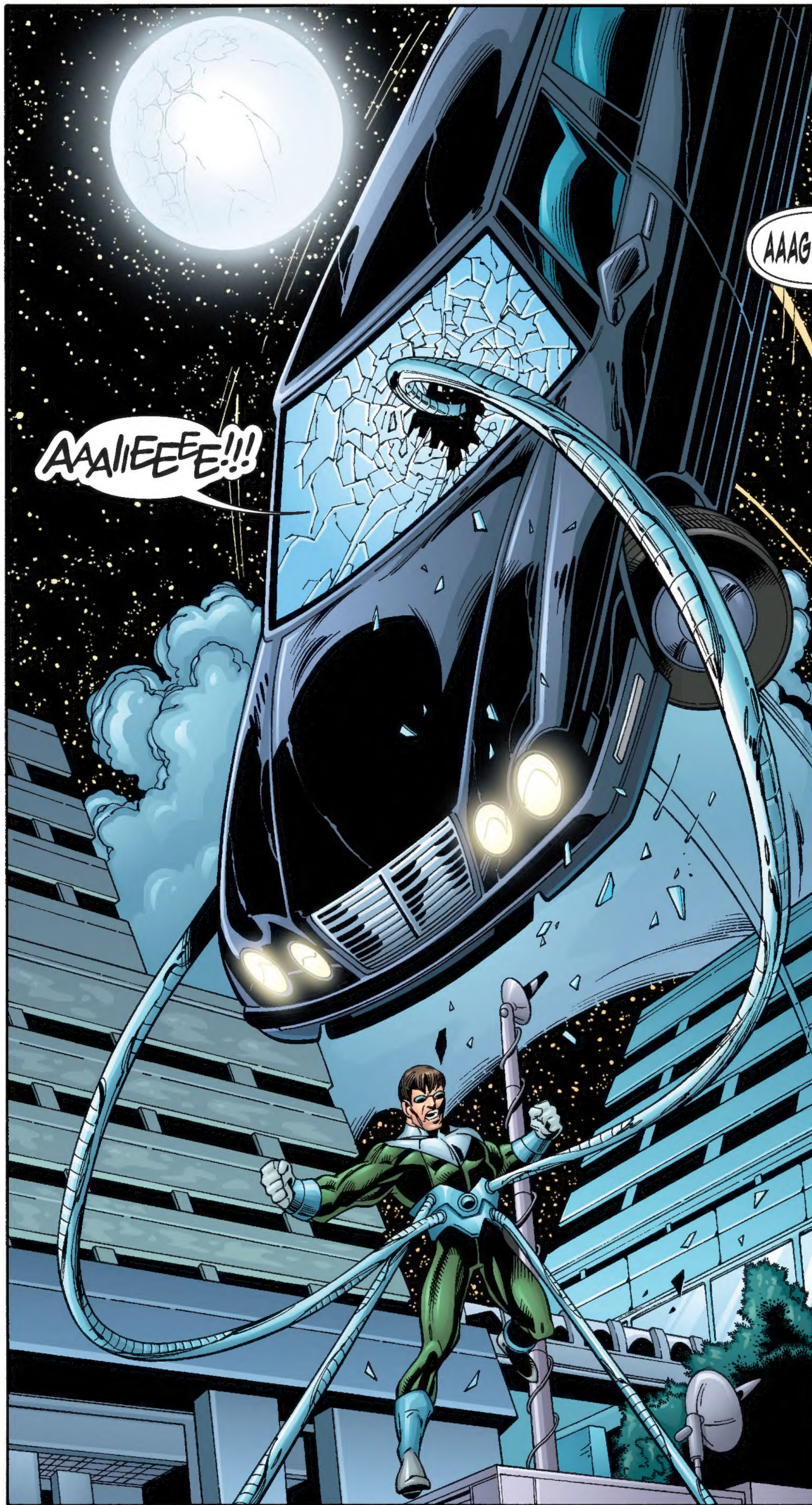
...by the time you see this broadcast all should be made clear to all of us about just what--

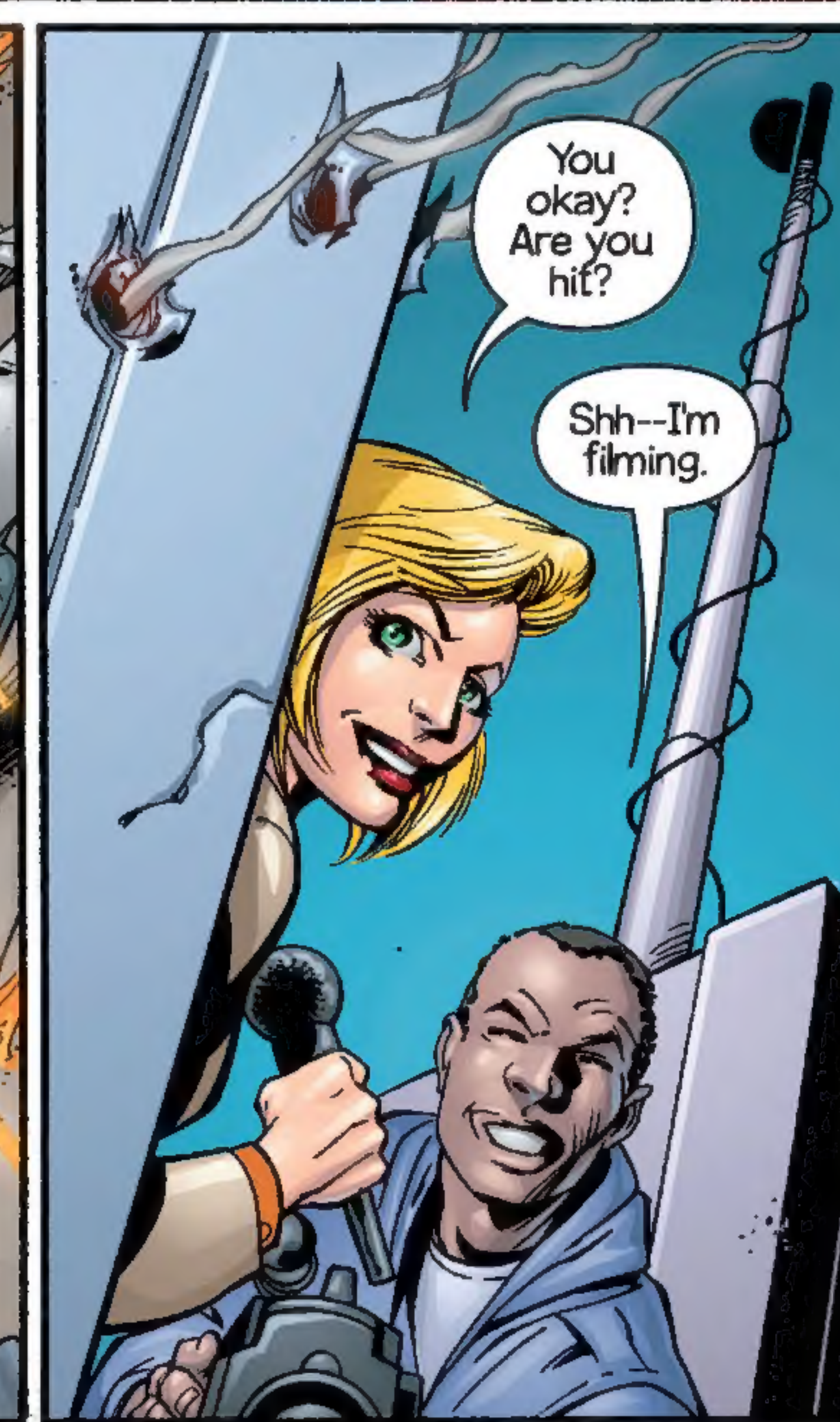
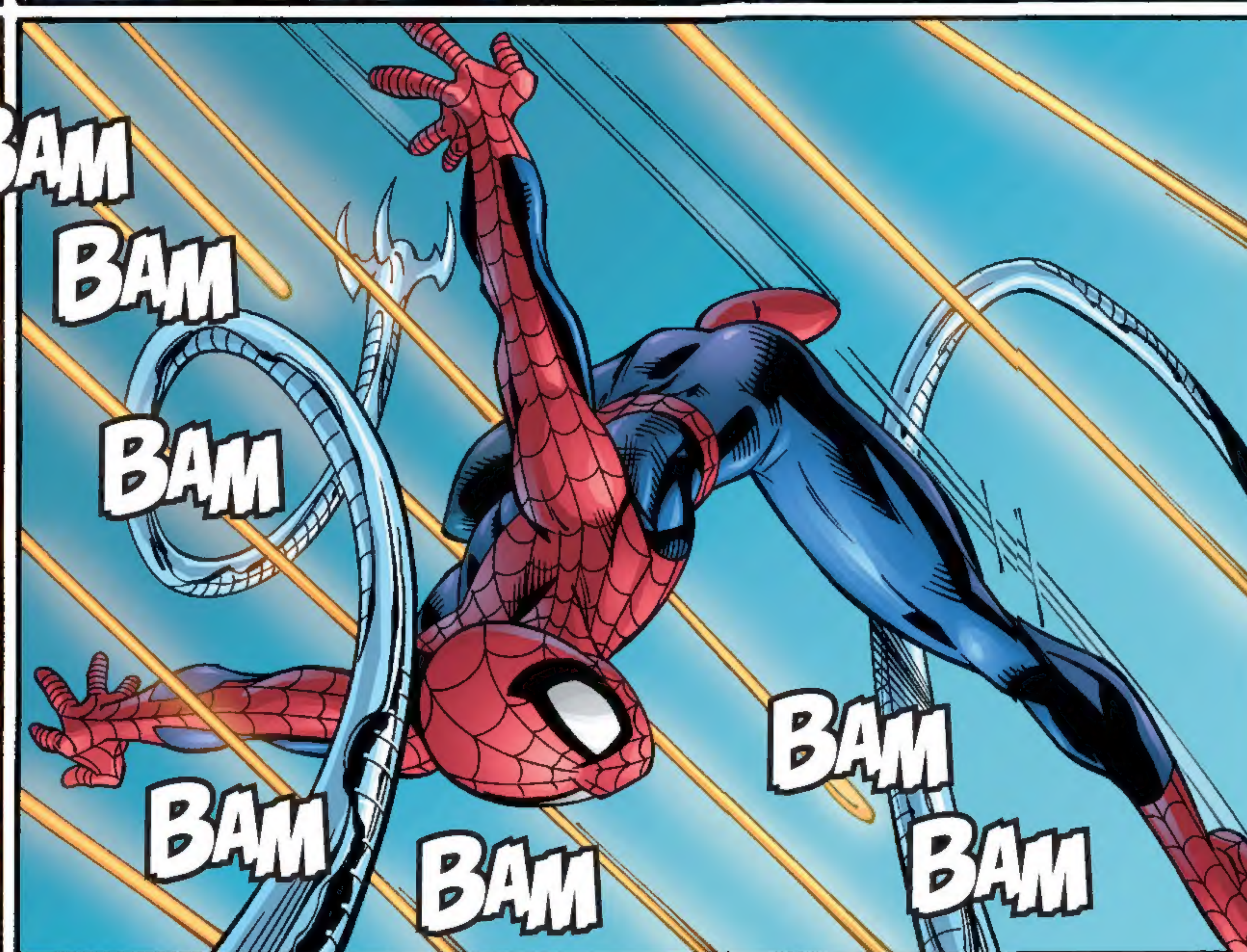
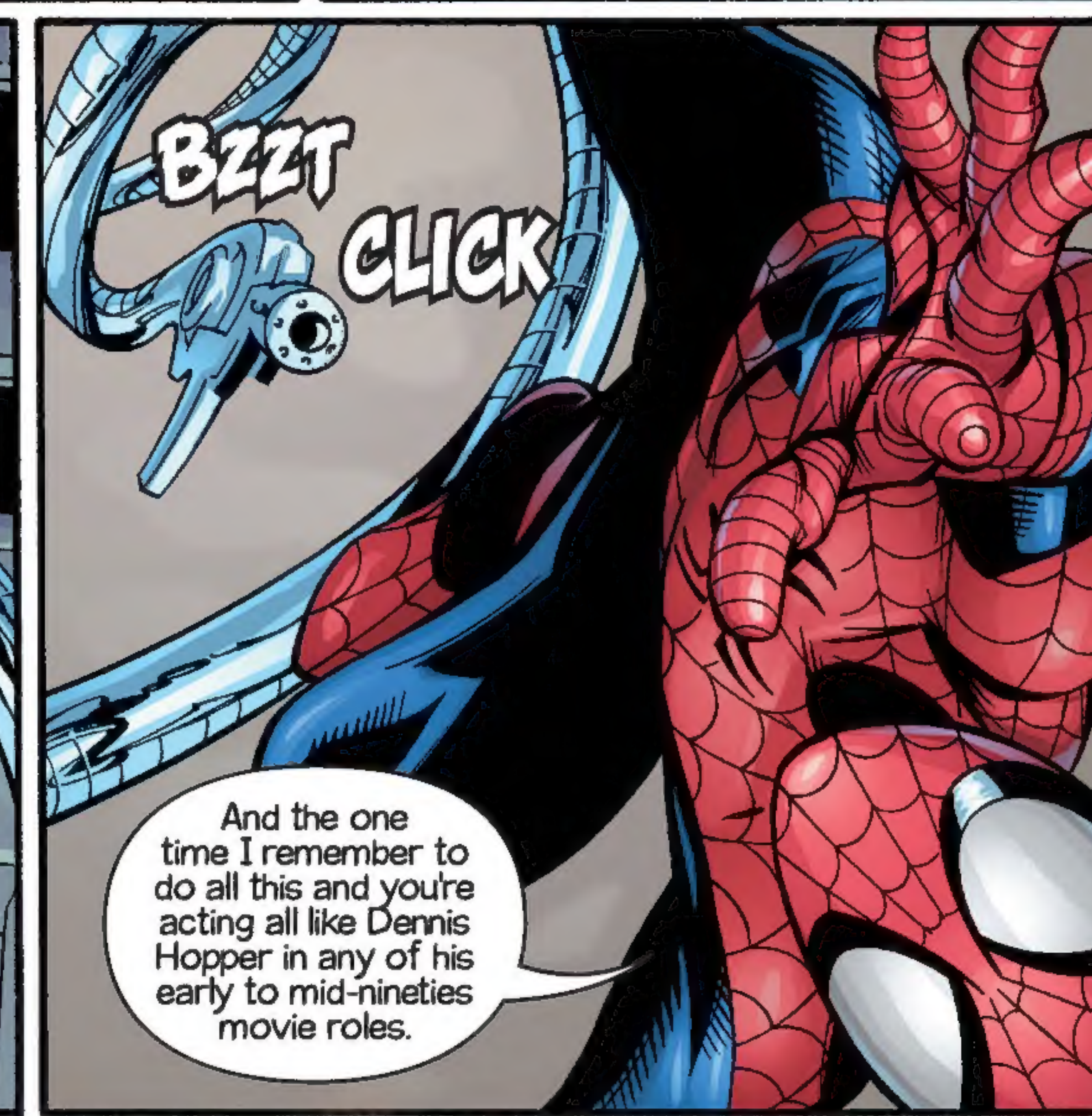
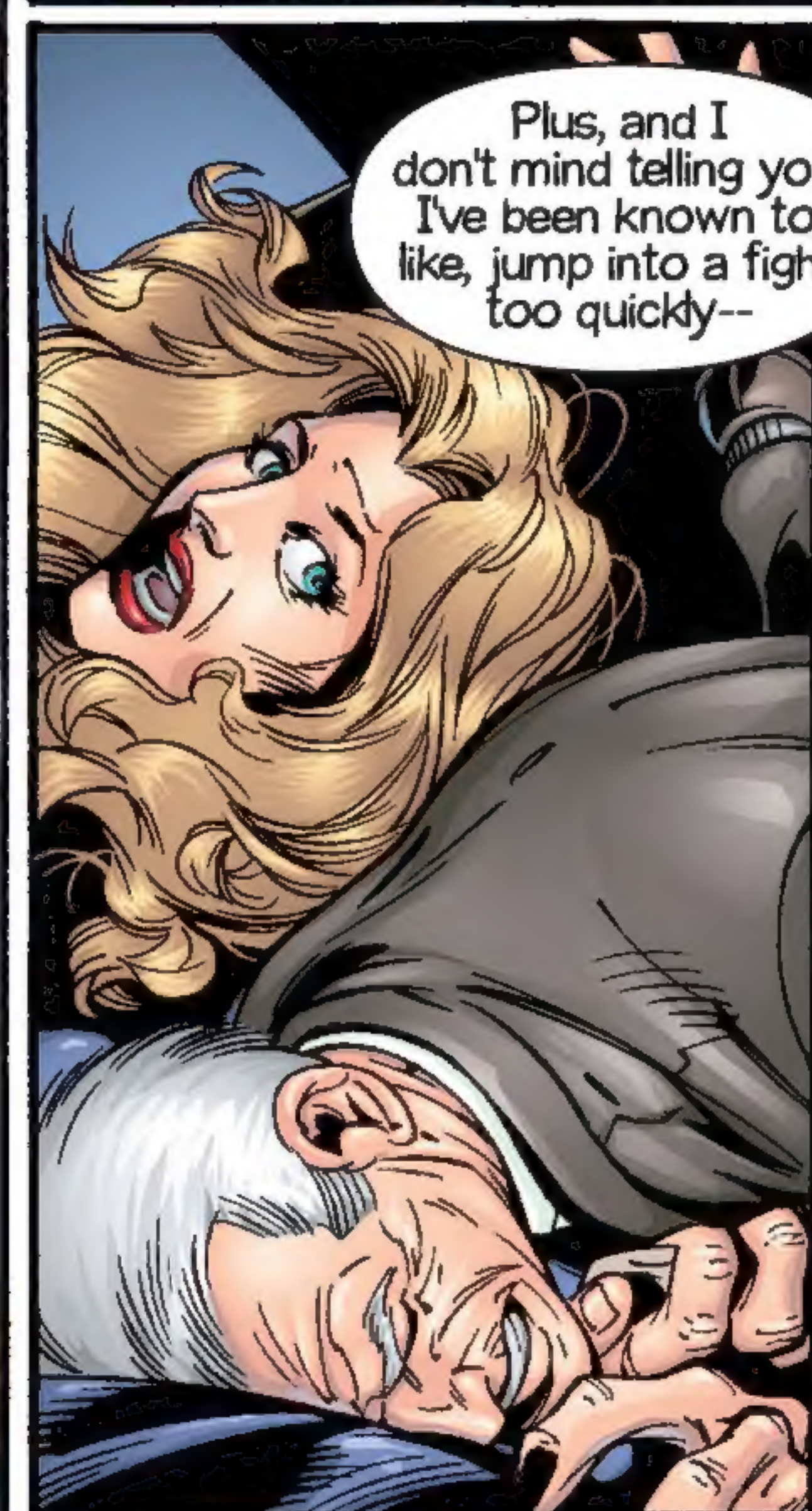
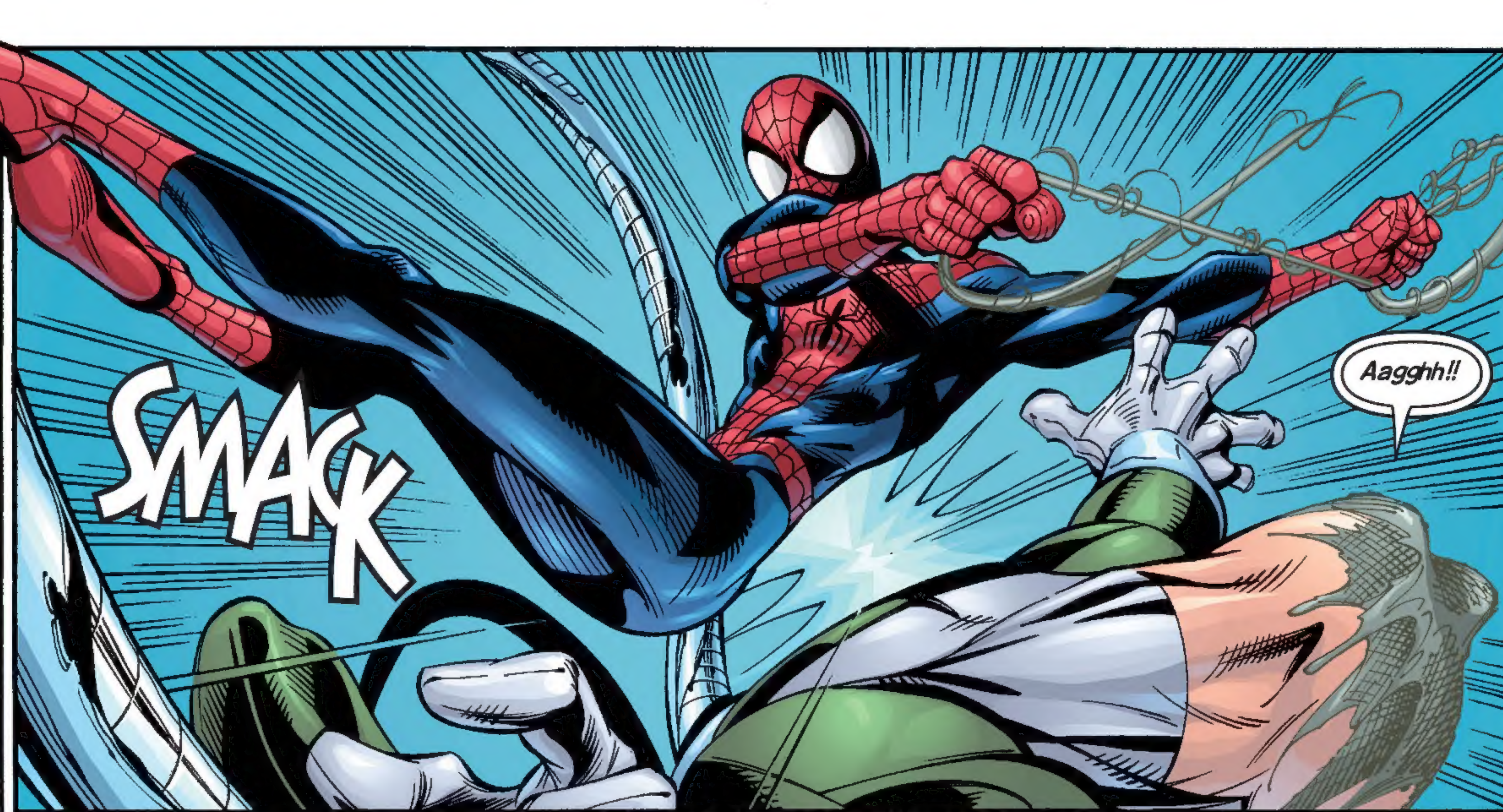
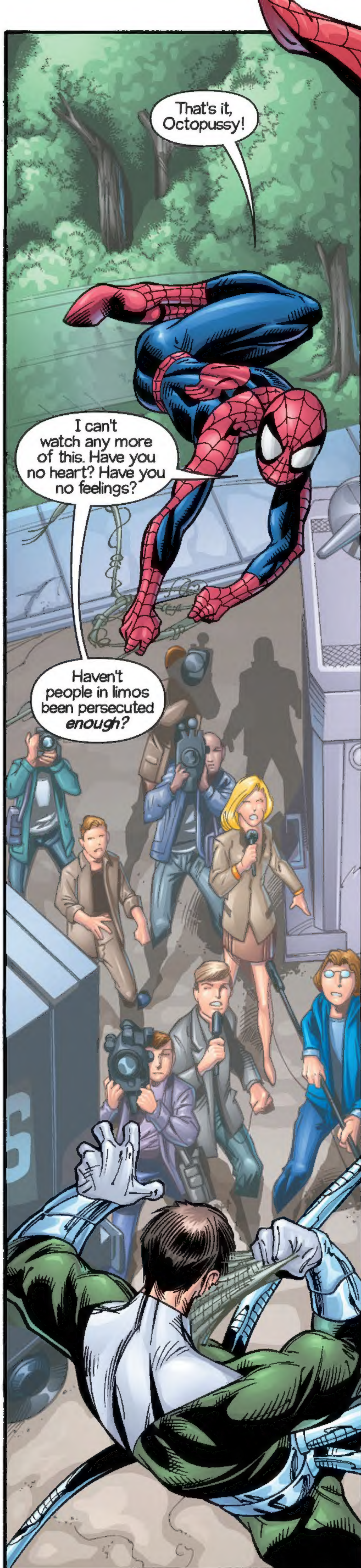
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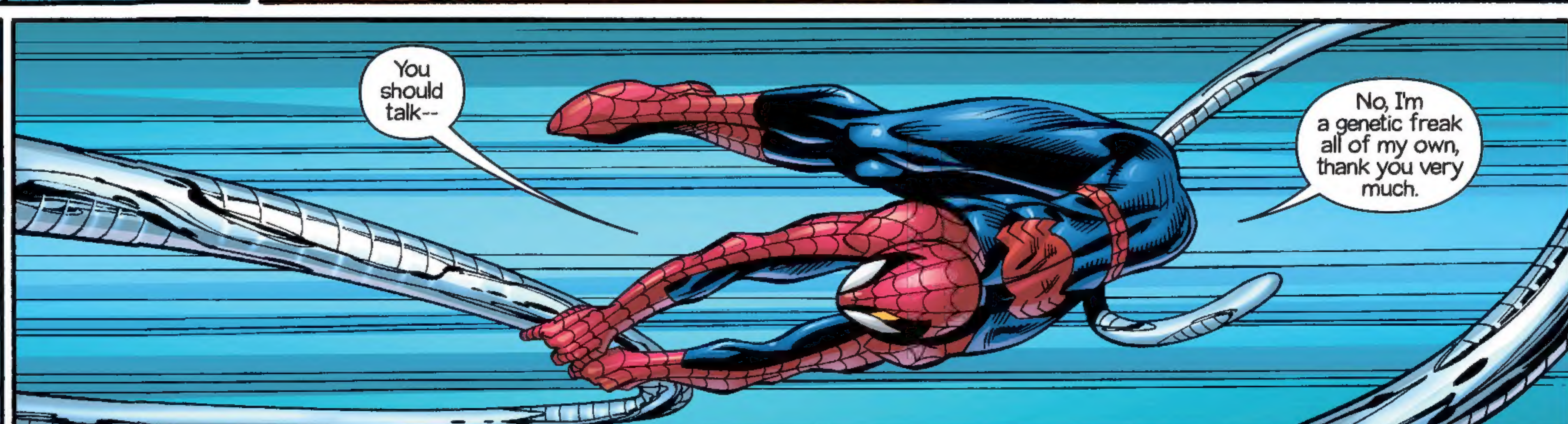
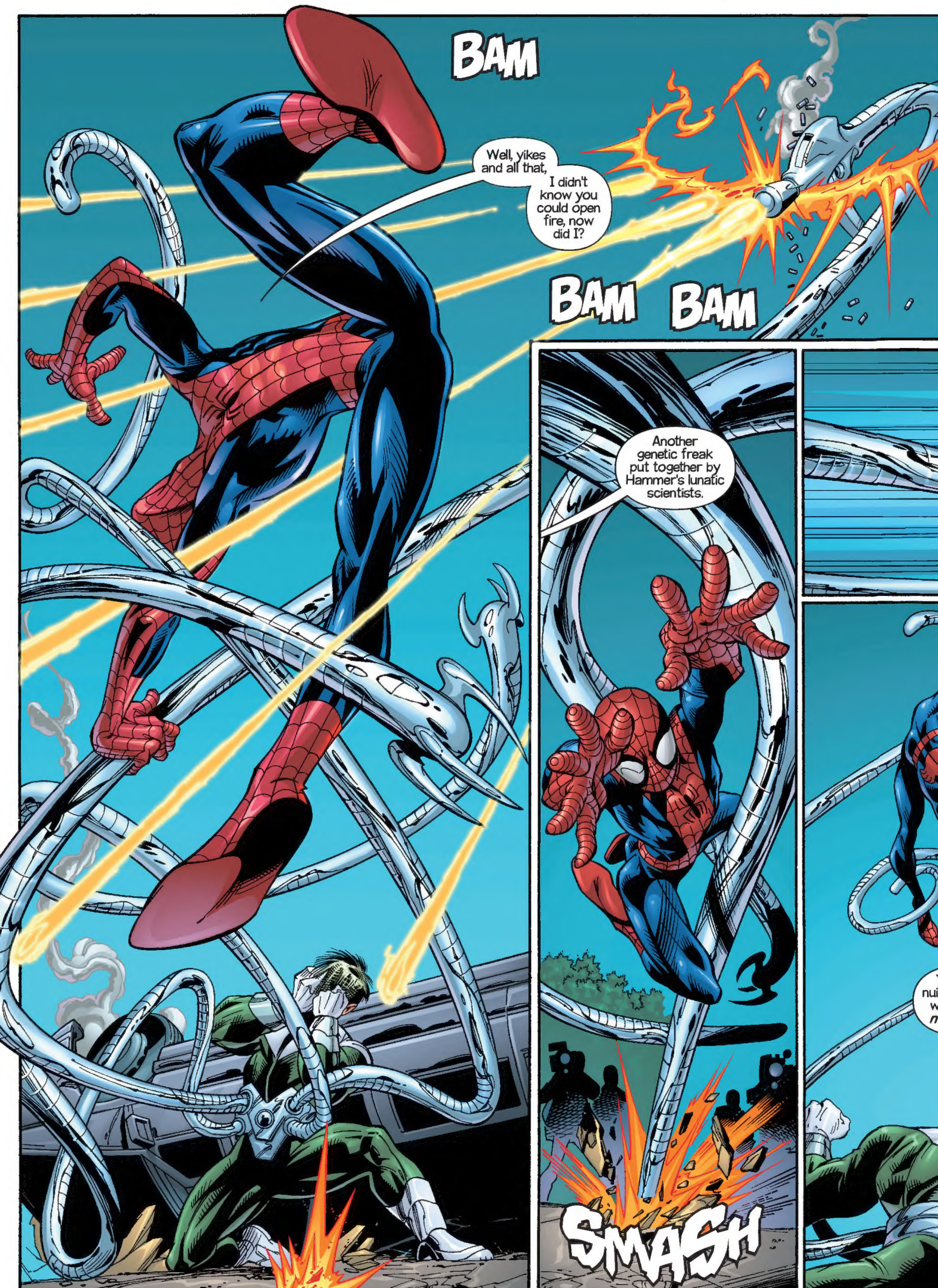


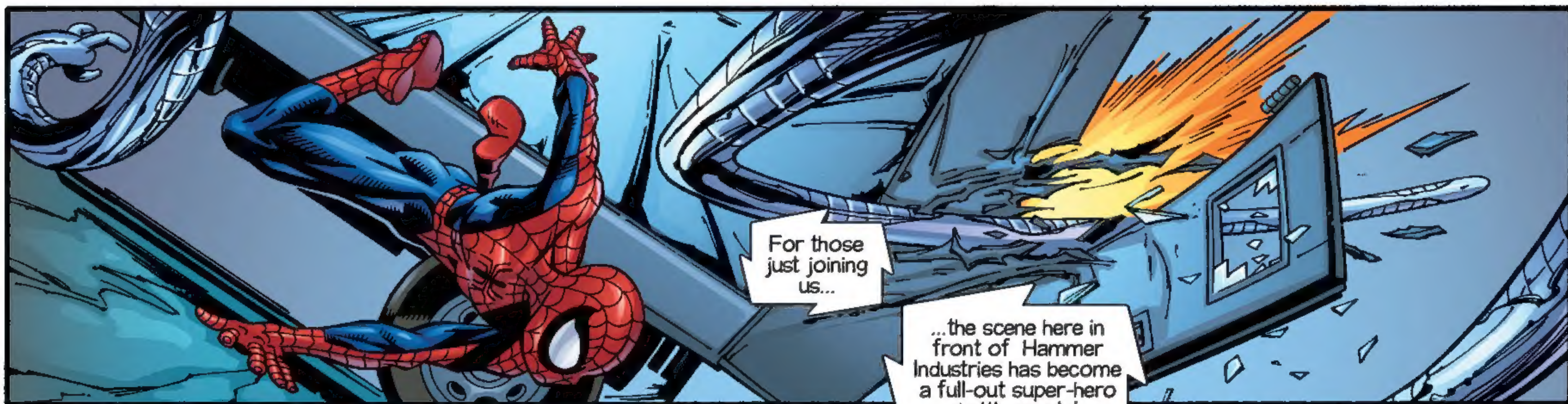






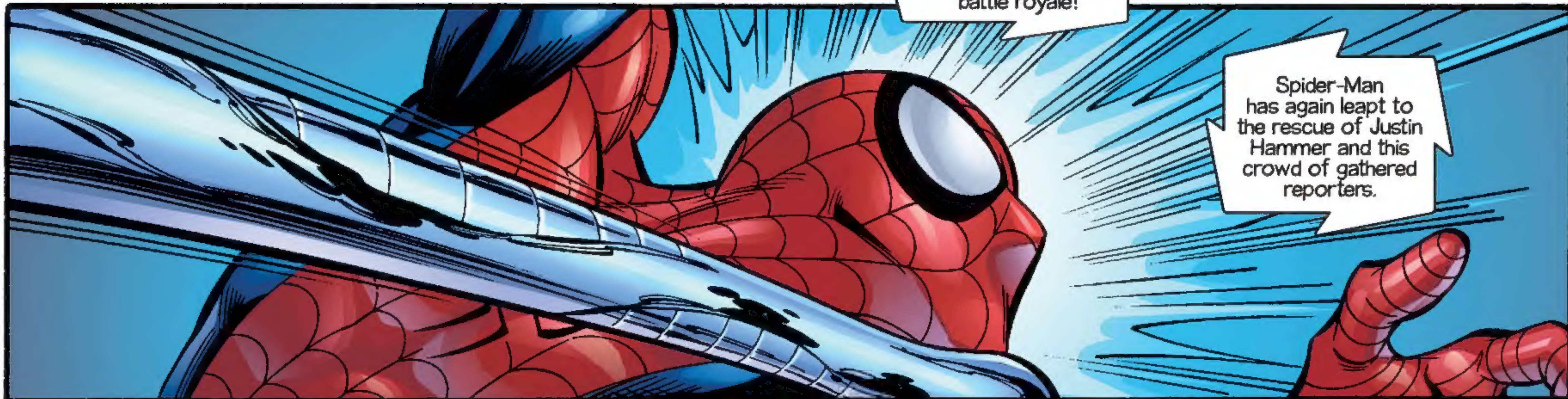




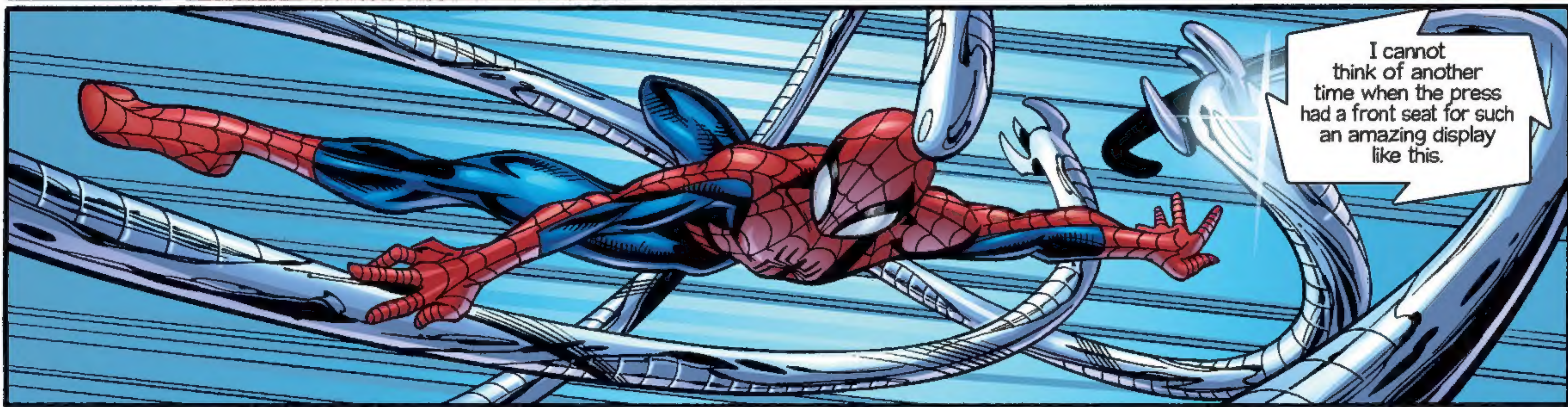


For those just joining us...

...the scene here in front of Hammer Industries has become a full-out super-hero battle royale!



Spider-Man has again leapt to the rescue of Justin Hammer and this crowd of gathered reporters.

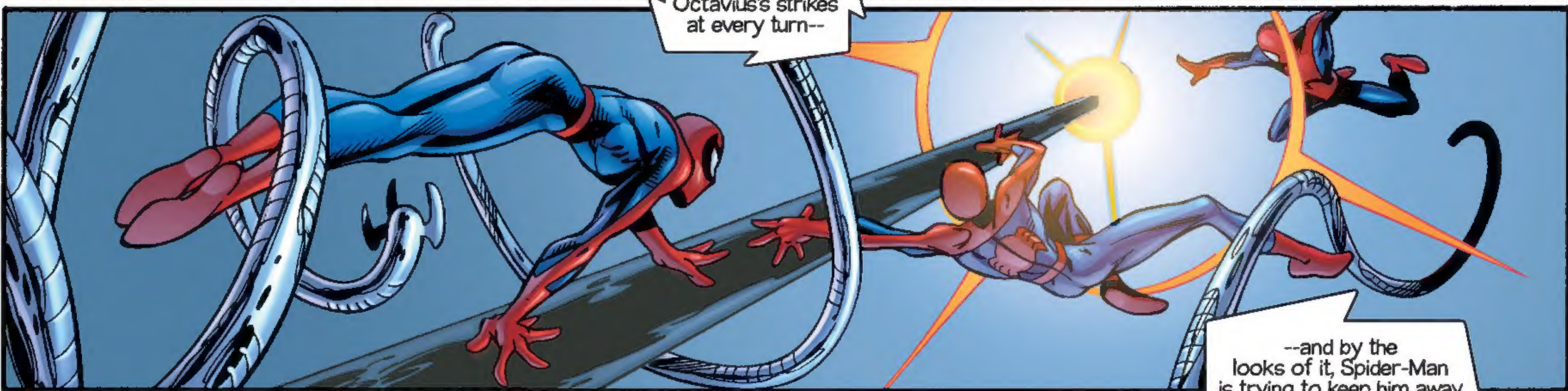


I cannot think of another time when the press had a front seat for such an amazing display like this.

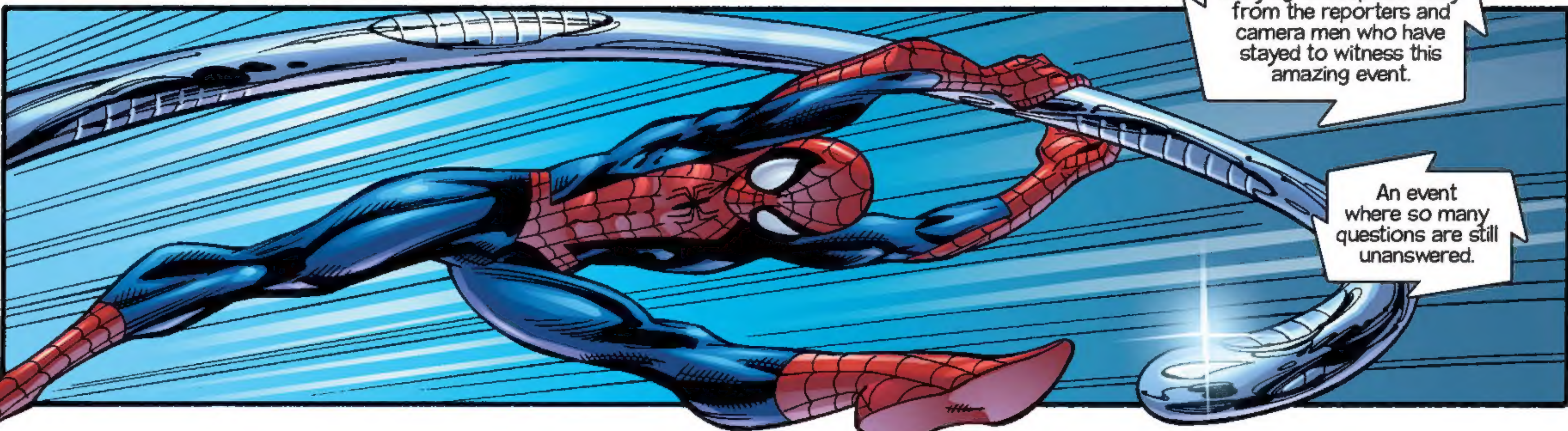


Spider-Man's efforts are seemingly without any concern for his own well-being.

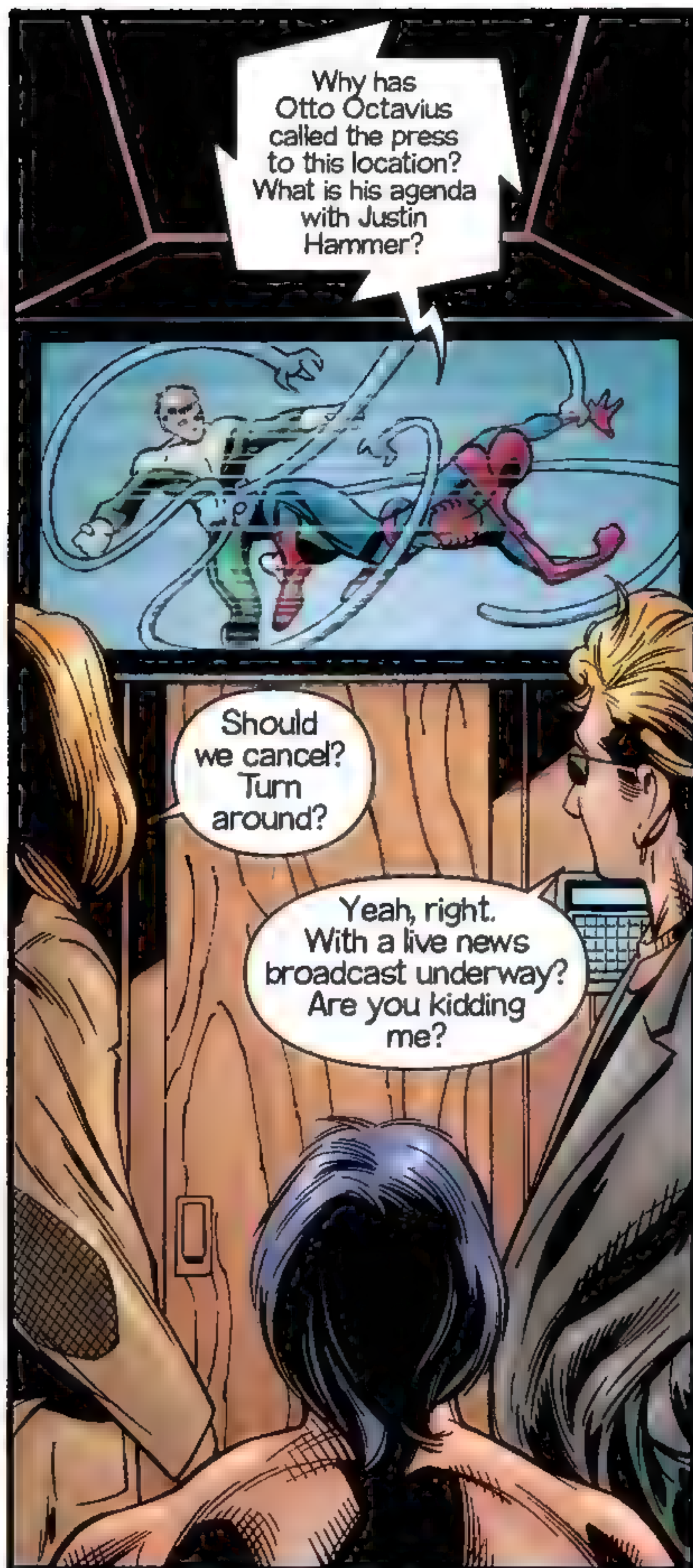
He is blocking Octavius's strikes at every turn--



--and by the looks of it, Spider-Man is trying to keep him away from the reporters and camera men who have stayed to witness this amazing event.



An event where so many questions are still unanswered.



Why has Otto Octavius called the press to this location? What is his agenda with Justin Hammer?

Should we cancel? Turn around?

Yeah, right. With a live news broadcast underway? Are you kidding me?



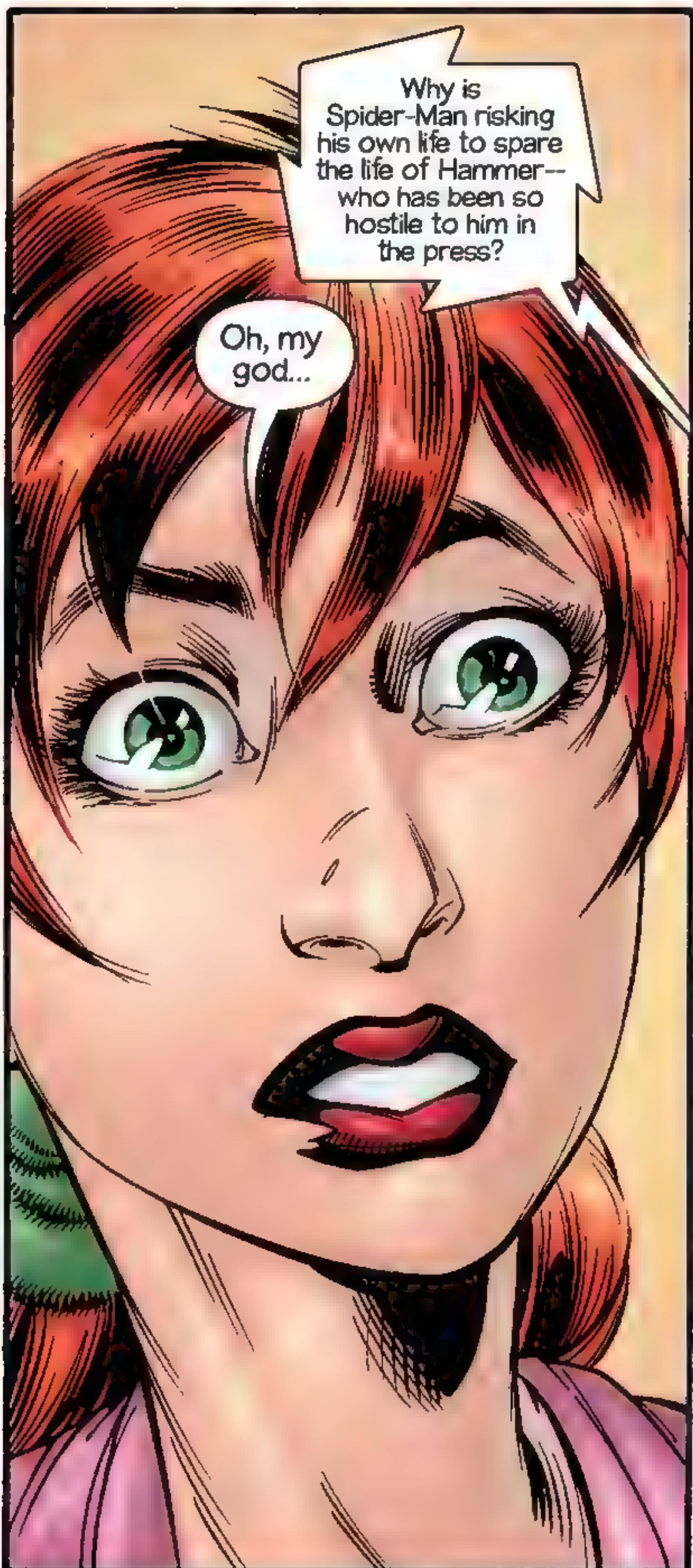
Does he blame Hammer for his amazing situation?

Wow, they broke into Leno.

Good, he stinks.

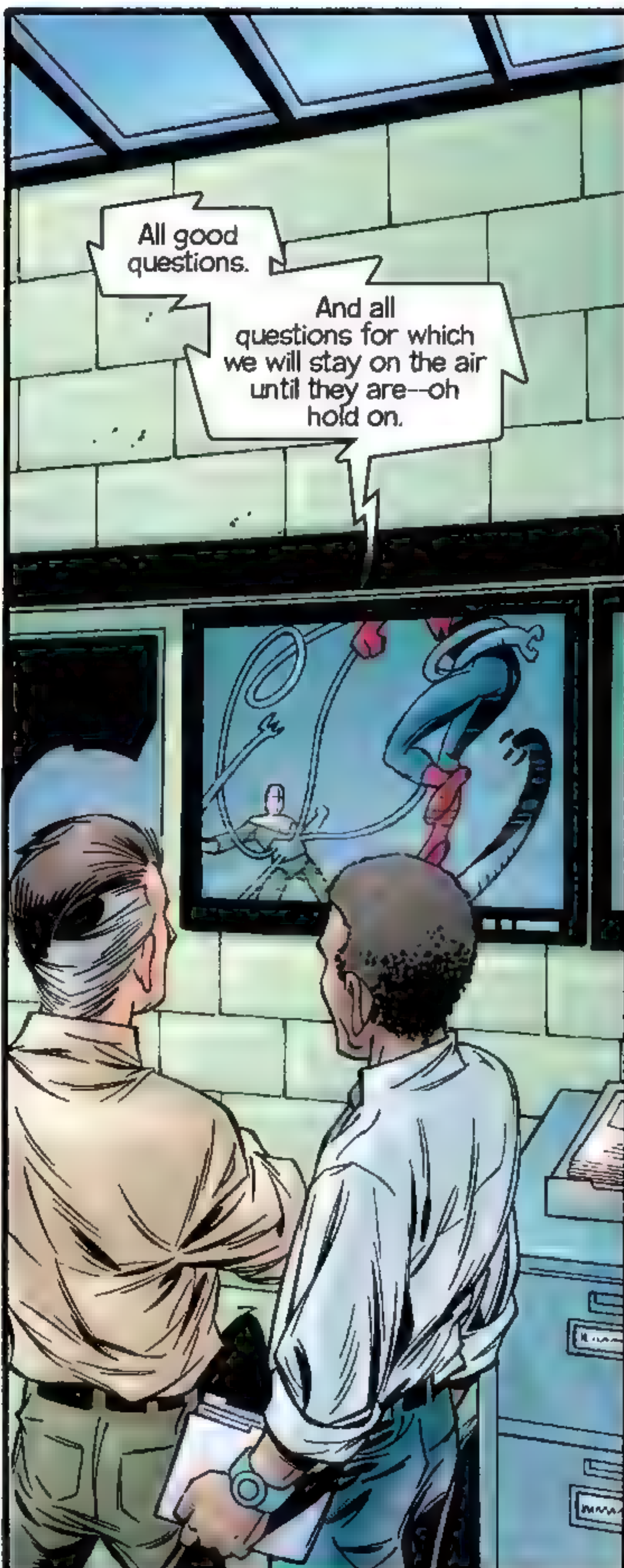


And what exactly is Spider-Man's connection to all of this?



Why is Spider-Man risking his own life to spare the life of Hammer-- who has been so hostile to him in the press?

Oh, my god...



All good questions.

And all questions for which we will stay on the air until they are--oh hold on.



We're going to have to--

--oh! Something is happening.

Spider-Man seems to be at a loss and--



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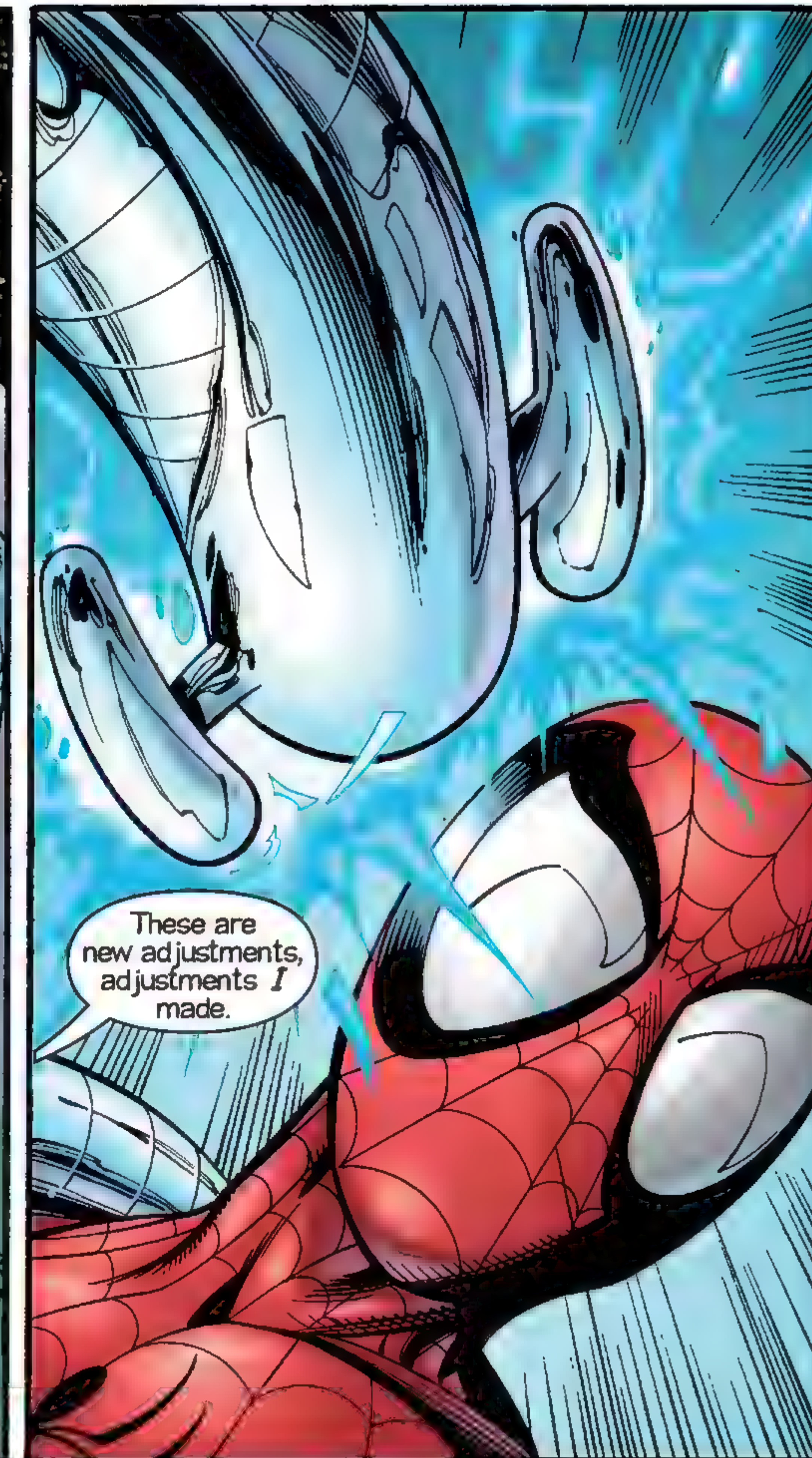
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So--uh--hey, ugrhh--where'd--uh all--these little new gadgets and doodads come from?

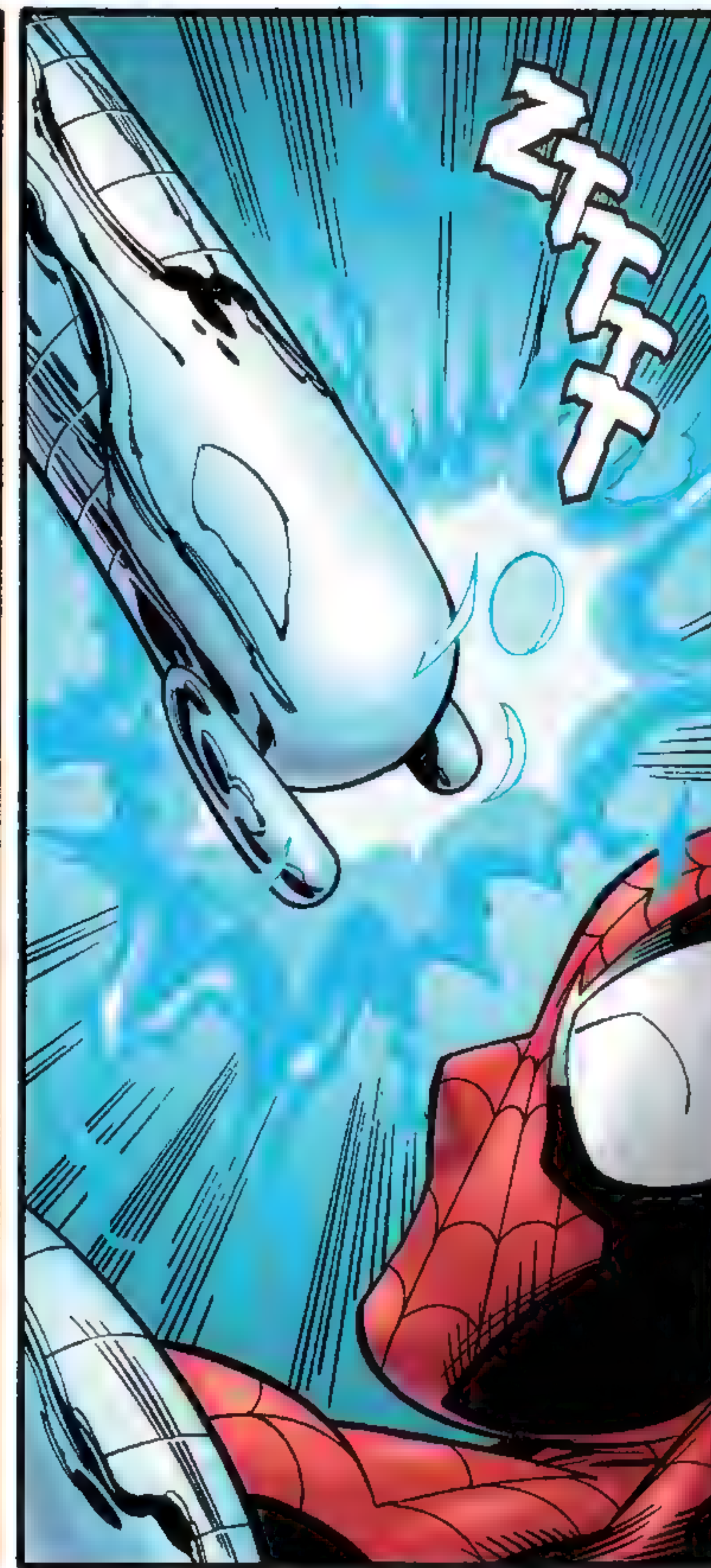
The Sharper Image catalogue for megalomaniacs?



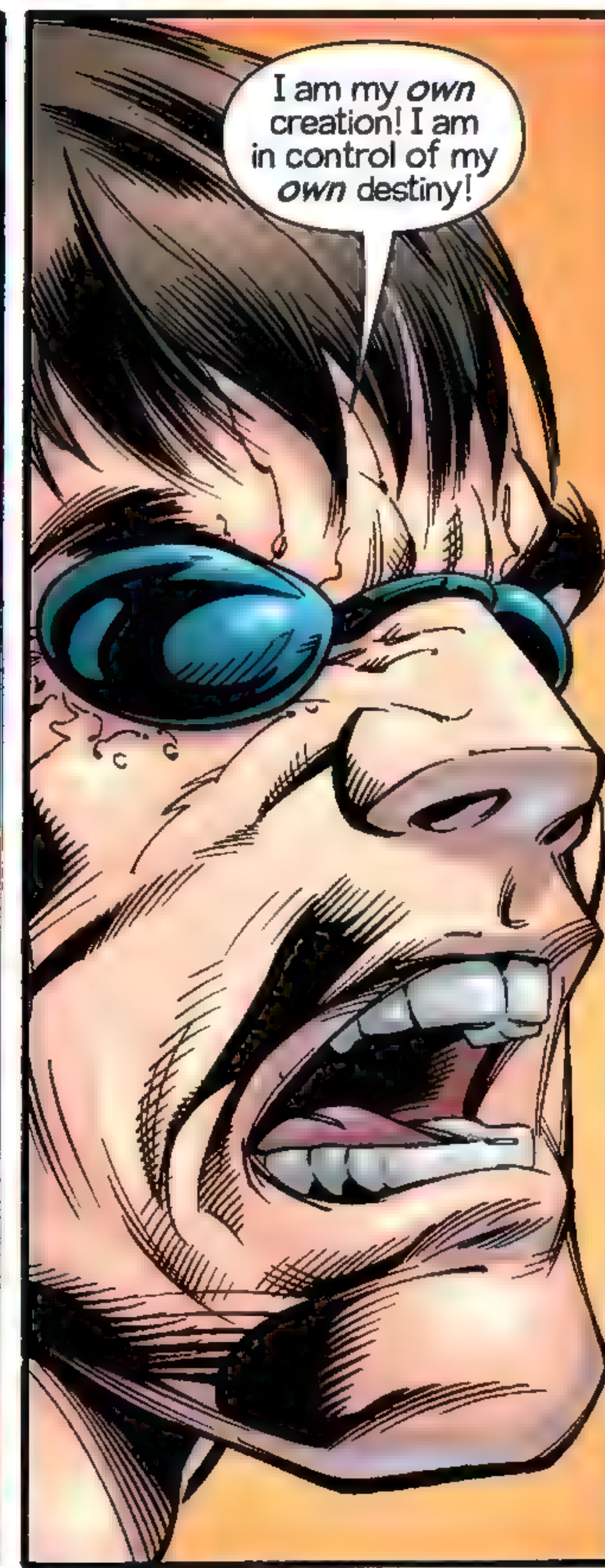
These are new adjustments, adjustments I made.



I am not going to live to be the monster other men would make me.



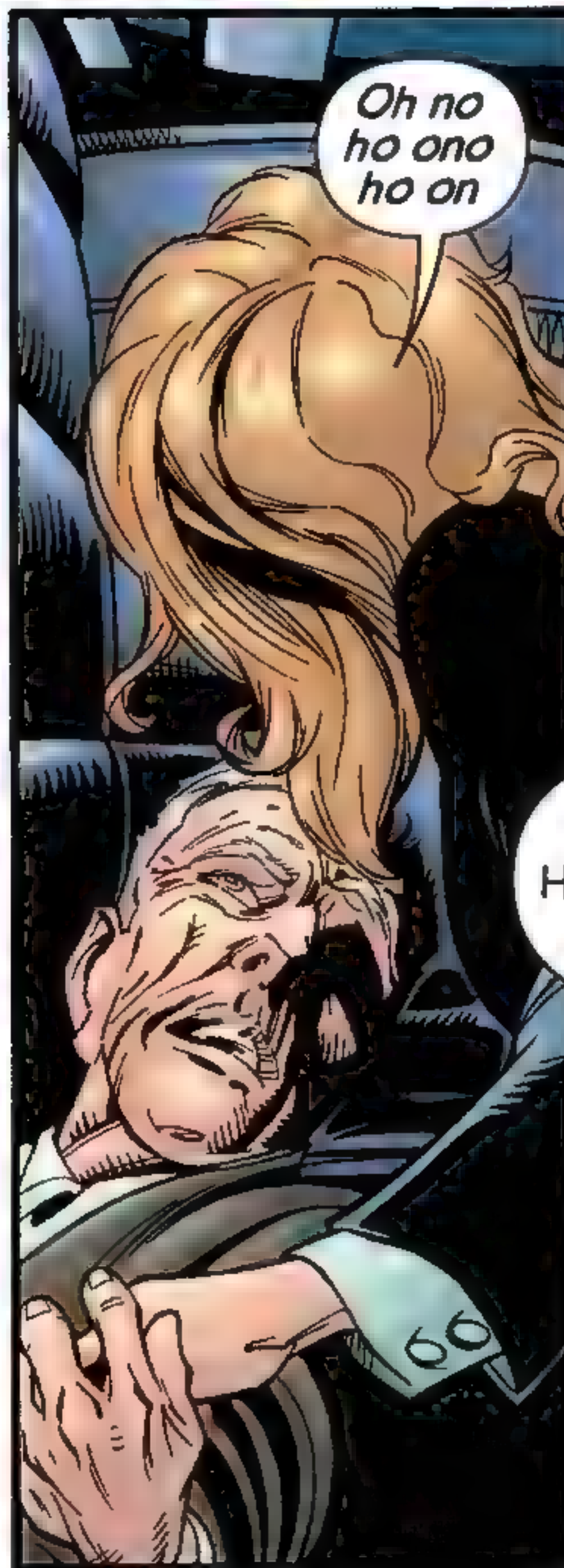
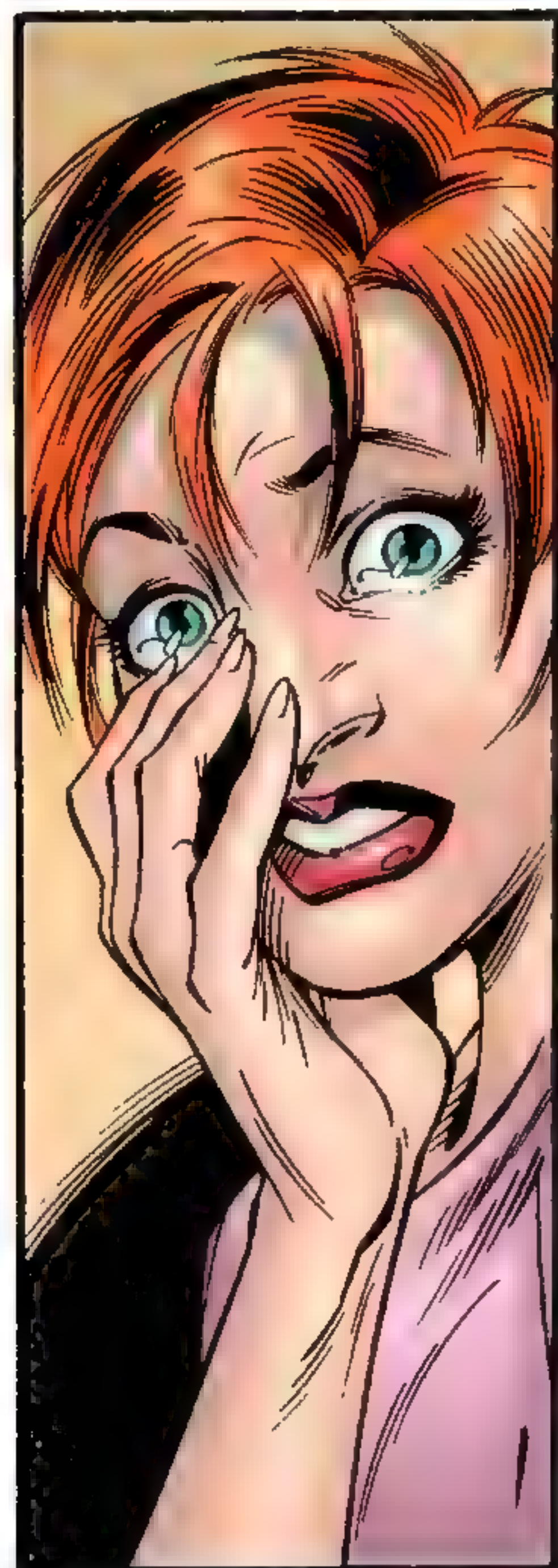
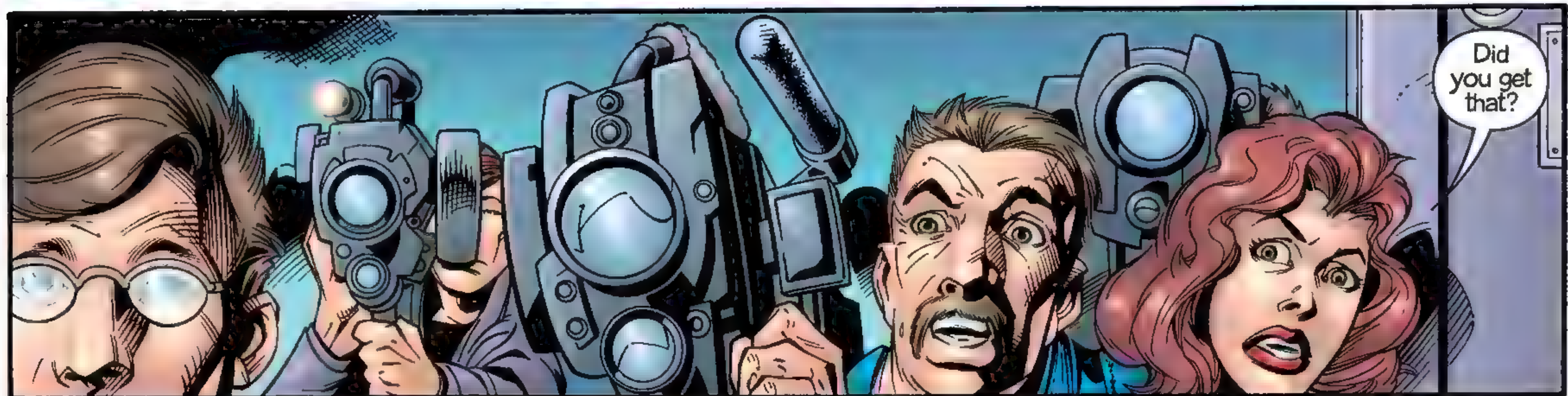
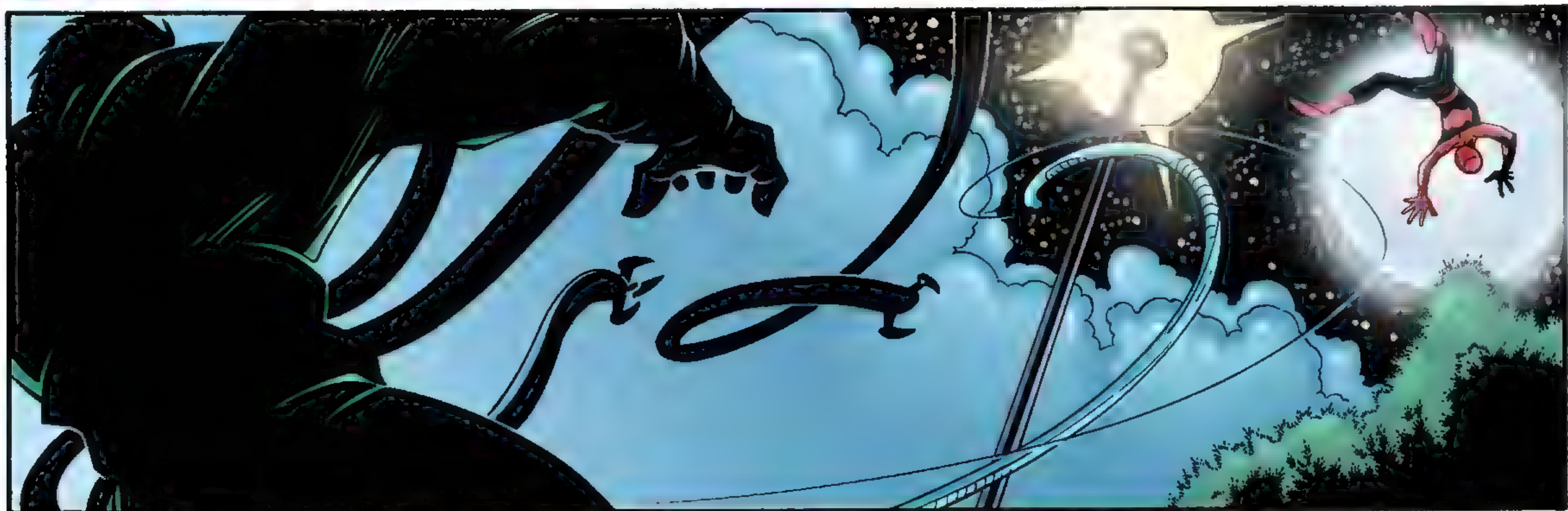
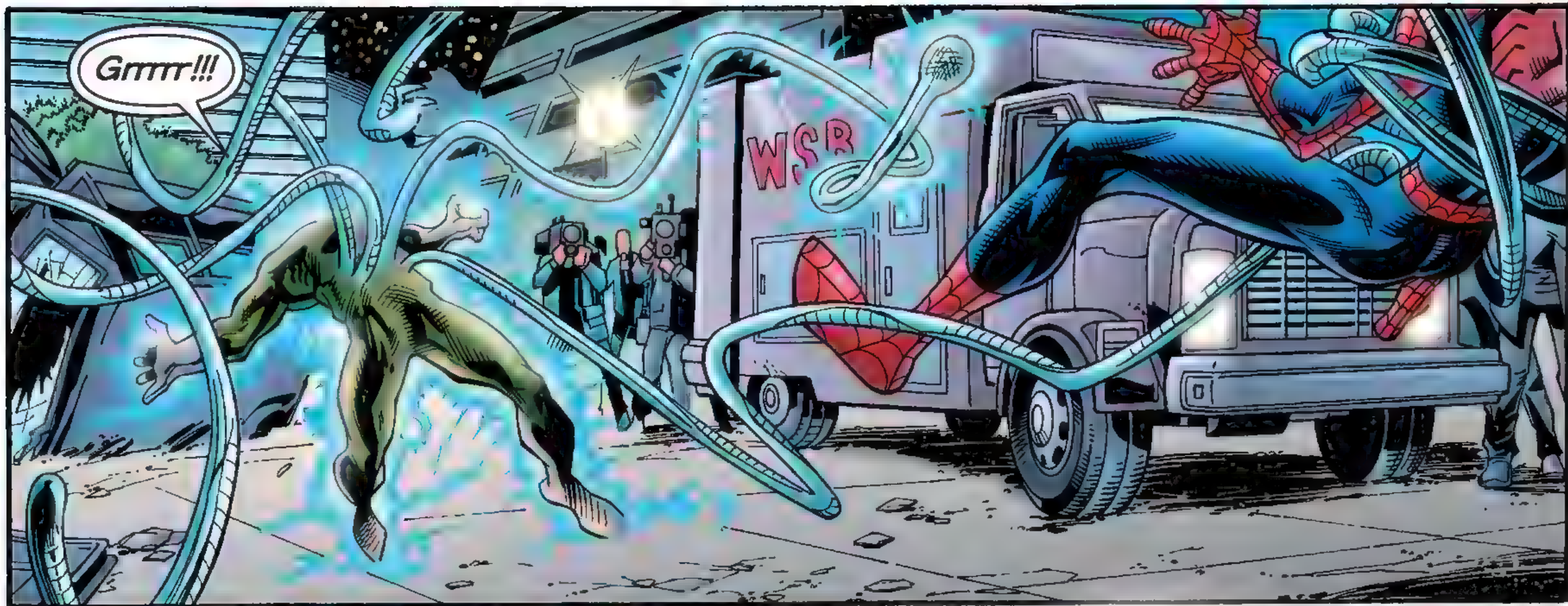
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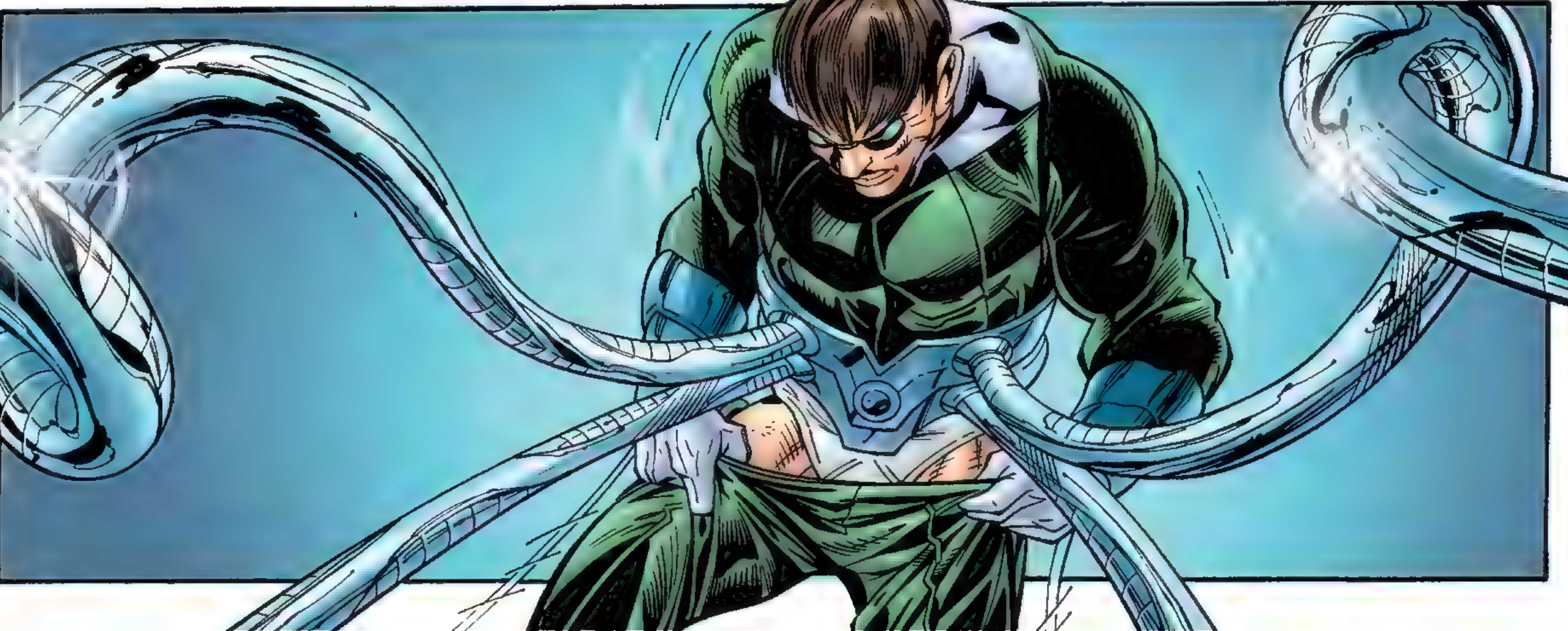
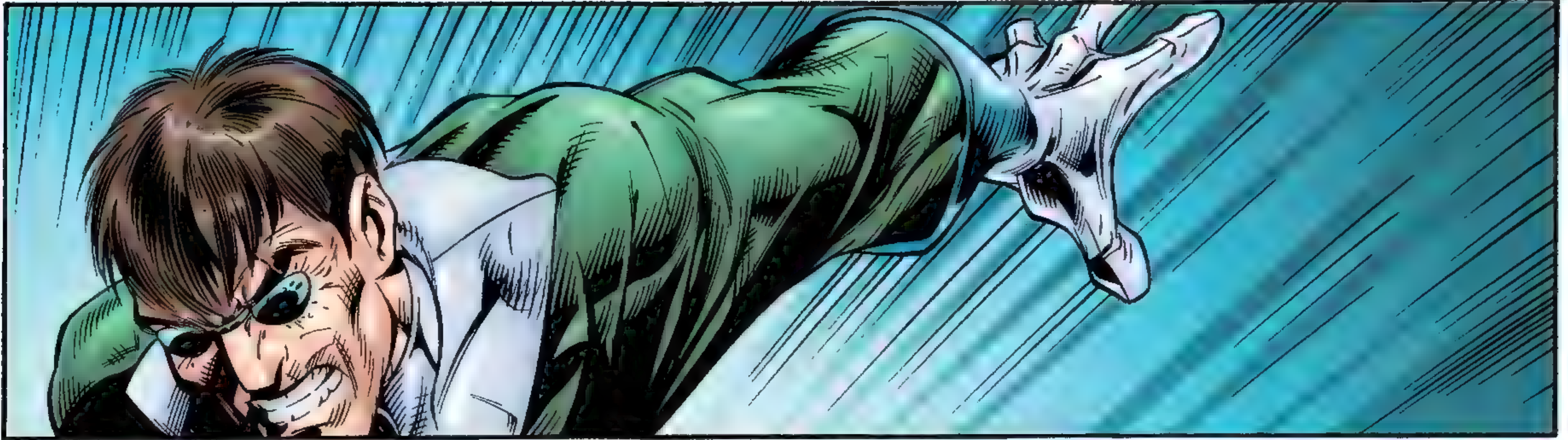
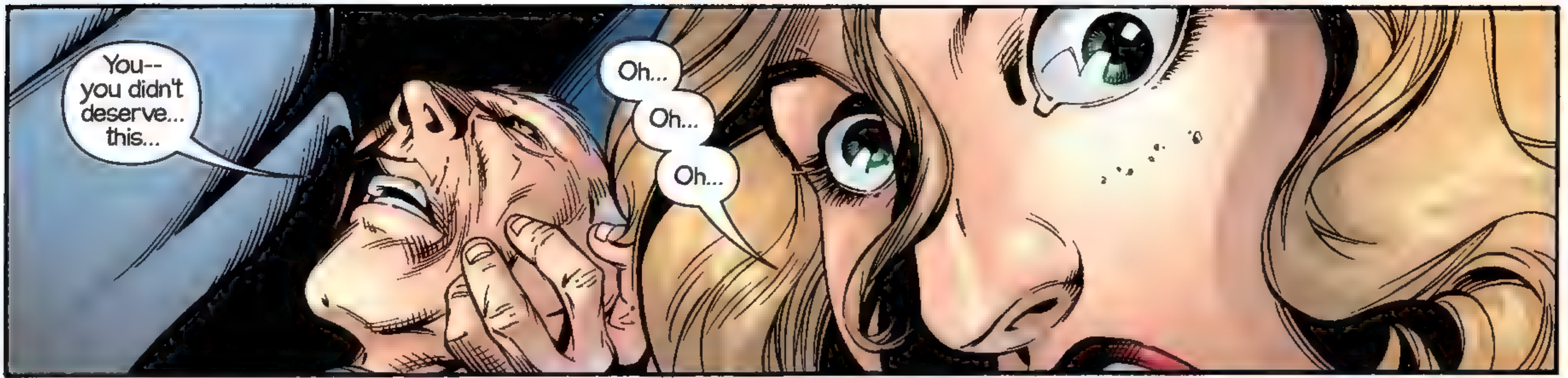


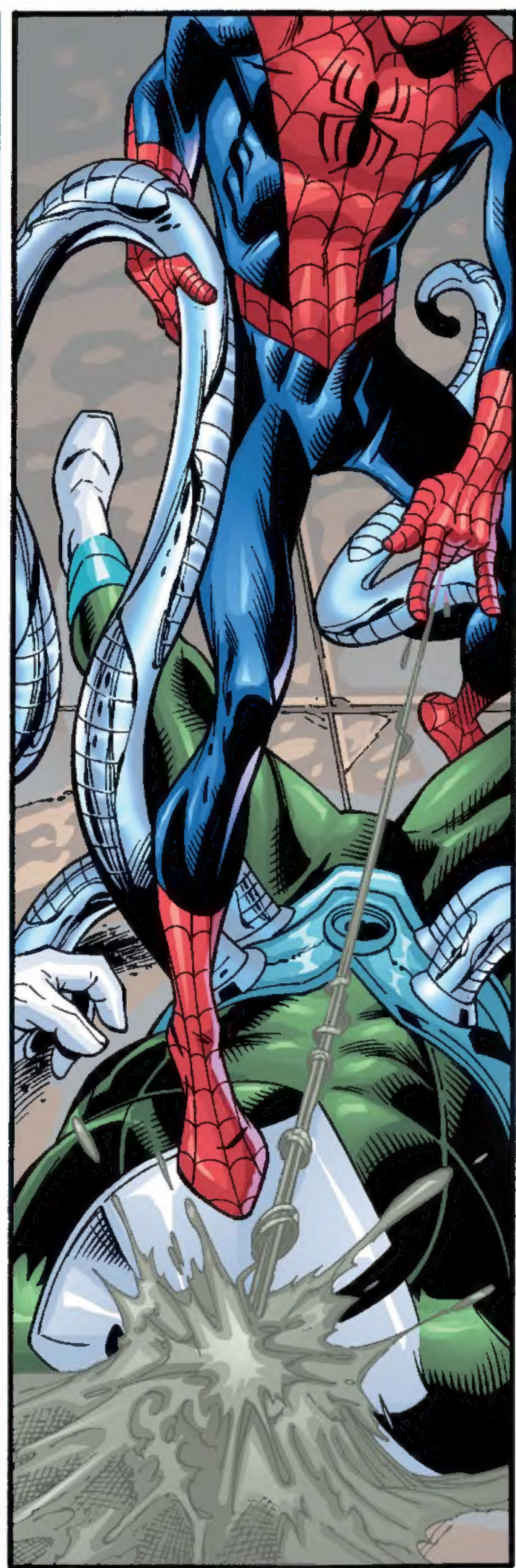
I am my own creation! I am in control of my own destiny!

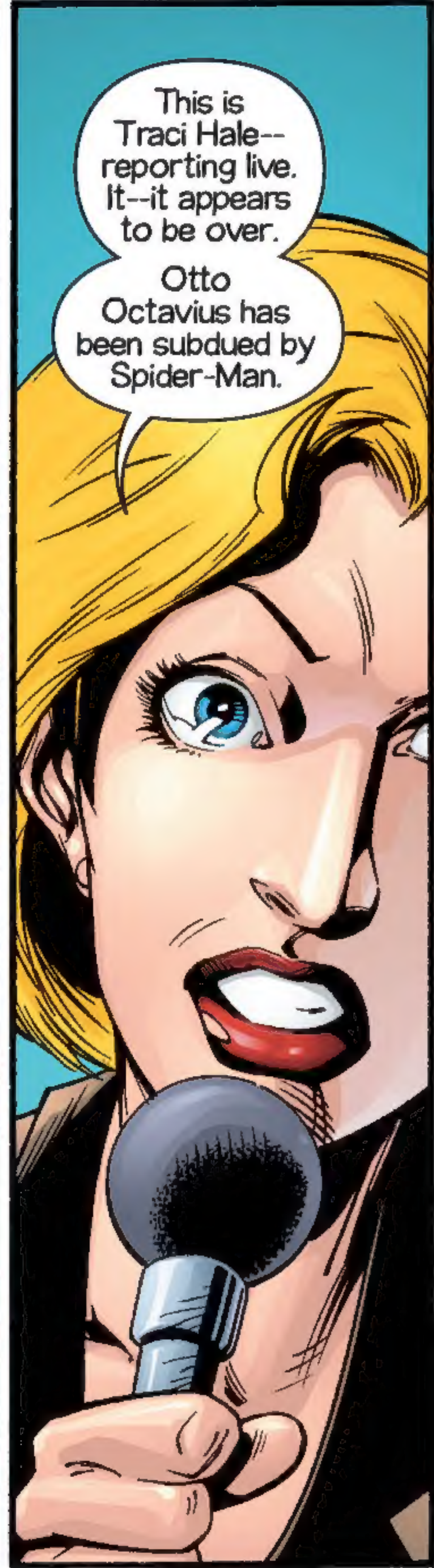
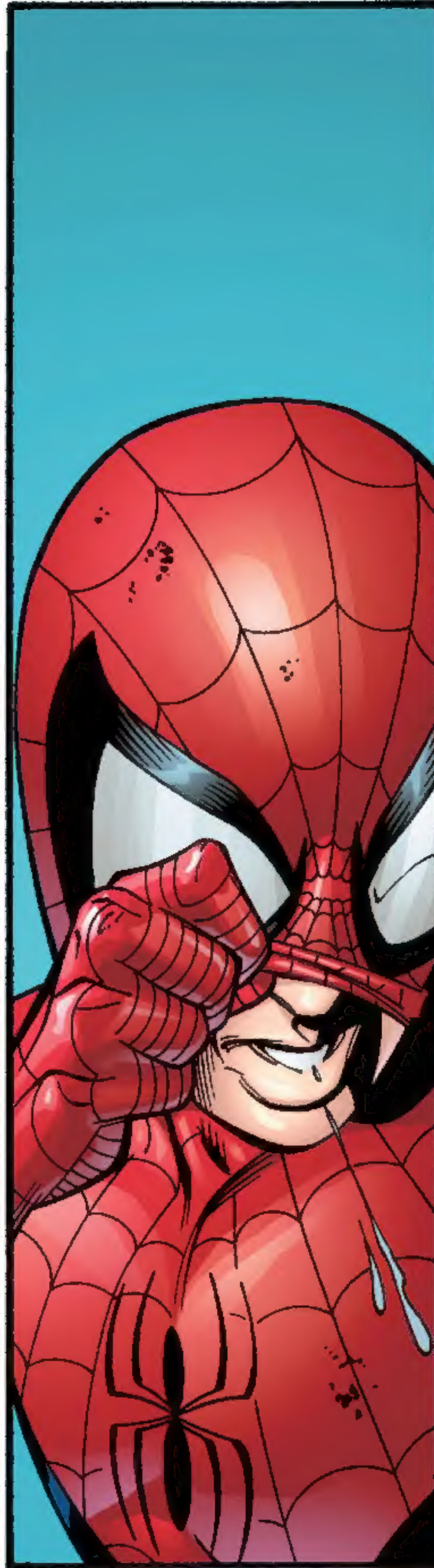
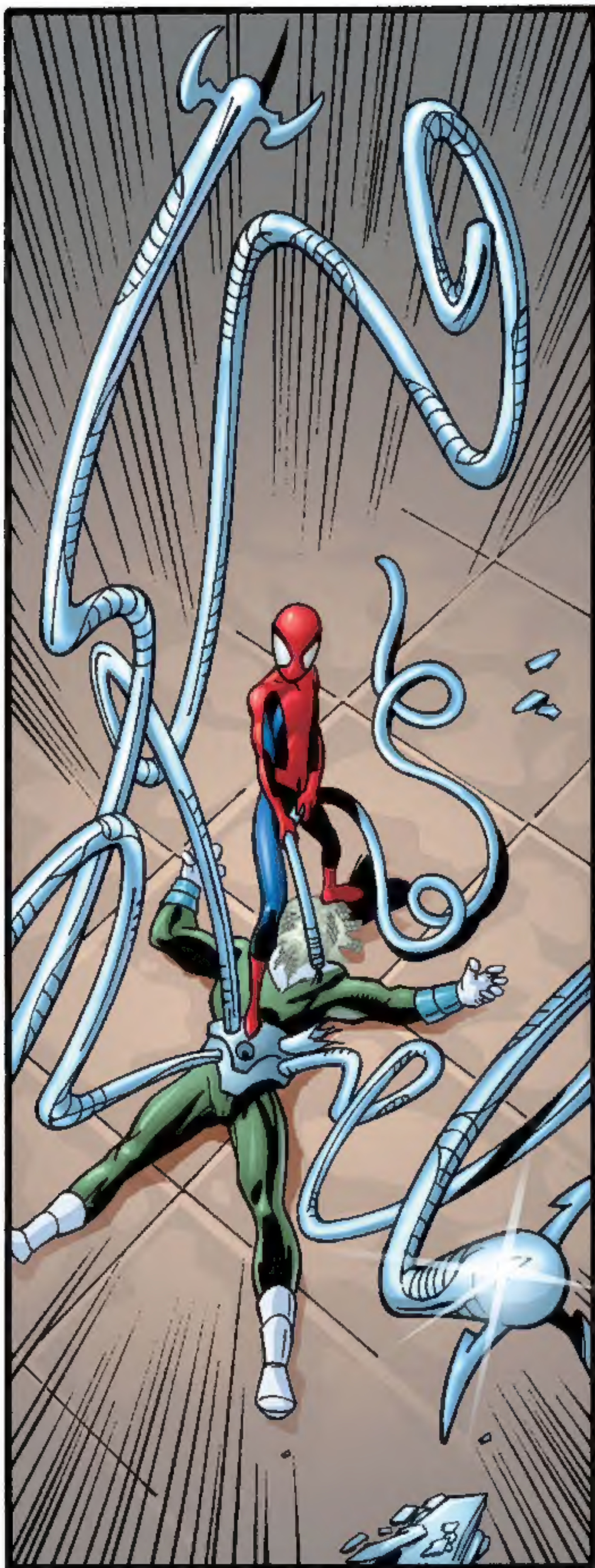


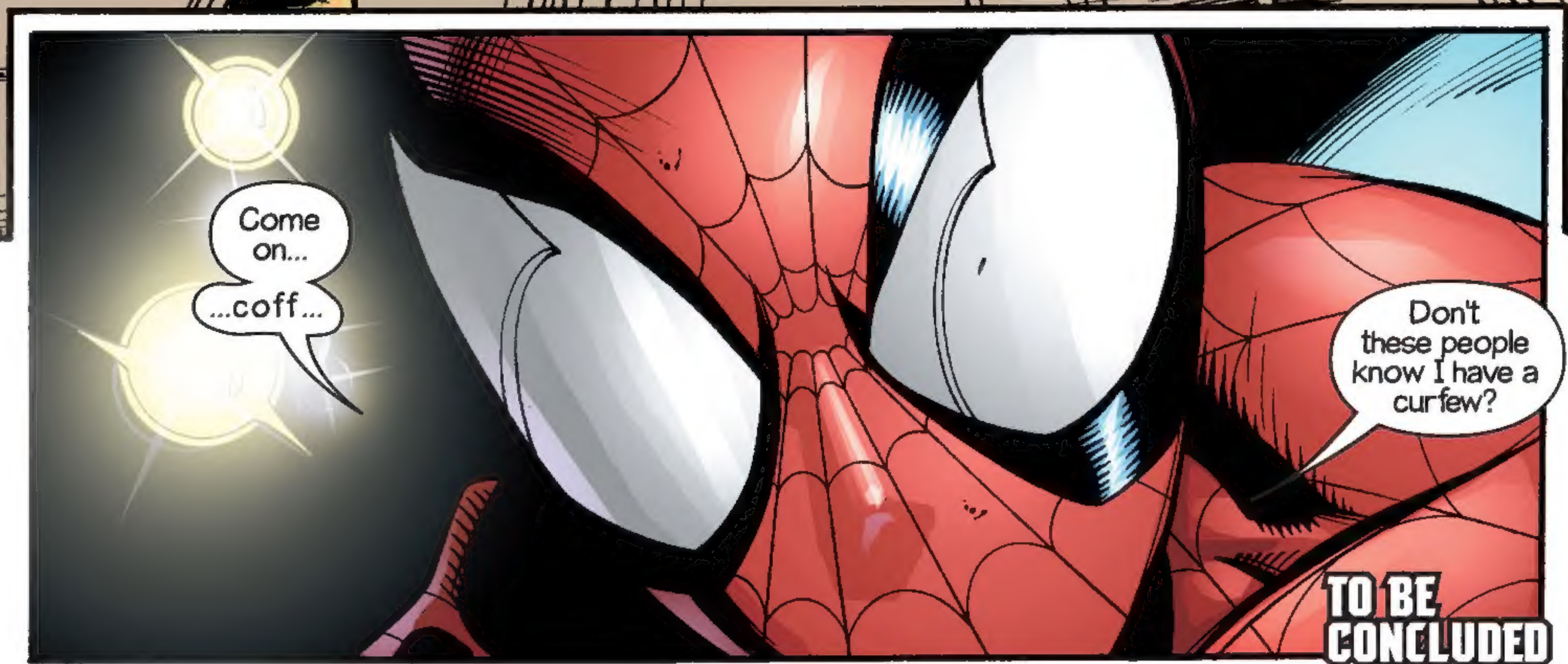
Good for you--I, on the other hand, am barely in control of my own bladder at this point.













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